

COMMUNICATIONS

Papers presented at the General Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Seattle, 28-30 December 1964, included:

- M. J. Mellink, "Excavations at Karatas in Lycia, 1964."
 J. L. Caskey, "Excavations in Ceos, 1964."
 J. E. Coleman, "Middle Bronze Age Burials on Ceos."
 E. Porada, "Cylinder Seals from Thebes."
 E. L. Smithson, "Dorians on the Acropolis?"
 H. L. Thomas, "Near Eastern, Aegean and European Chronology."

From the Proceedings of the Classical Association 61 (1964), we may note that the following lectures were recently presented:

- J. T. Hooker, "Some thoughts on Minoan Writing" at C. A. of Christchurch, New Zealand.
 R. M. Waite, "A Psychologist looks at Linear-B" at C. A. of New Zealand, Wellington Branch.

During this past year, the local Societies of the Archaeological Institute of America heard one or more of the following lectures:

- P. Åström, "The Cuirass Tombs at Dendra" and "Cyprus and the Mycenaean World."
 G. Bass, "Underwater Excavations in Turkey."
 J. L. Caskey, "Excavations at Ceos."
 P. Dikaios, "Archaeological Excavations in Cyprus, 1931-1963" and "Excavations at Enkomi, Cyprus."
 B. Goldman, "The View from Knossos; The Courtly Arts of Minoan-Mycenaean Society."
 F. R. Matson, "Mycenaean Potters."
 L. Pomerance, "Excavations at Kato Zakro in Crete" and "Kato Zakro, The Fourth Great Cretan Palace."

A report appeared in the New York Times of December 5, 1964 to announce that Ishikawajima Harima Industries of Japan intends (after negotiations) to build a shipyard for repair and maintenance in Pylos Bay.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Part Two of the Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies reports the following theses as in progress for higher degrees:

- At Birmingham: Branigan, K., "Early Minoan bronze-working," Garrad, Larch S., "Mycenaean and late Minoan Burials," Todd, I. A., "Early settlements in Anatolia."
 At Cambridge: Matthews, D. J., "A comparison between the archives of Mycenaean Greece and those of some contemporary civilizations."
 At Oxford: Hughes, Helen M. C., "Beads, pendants and amulets of the Aegean from the Early Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age."
 The following theses have been completed: Cameron, M. A. S., "Some unpublished fresco fragments from the Minoan palace at Cnossos, Crete" (Liverpool) and Killen, J. T., "An edition of the Linear B Tablets from Knossos dealing with livestock" (Cambridge).

CORRESPONDENCE

To the editor:-The Knossos Tablets III: Corrigenda.

We should like to thank those who have called our attention to errors in KT³, especially Mr. J. -P. Olivier, Mr. K. D. Ktistopoulos, and Prof. E. L. Bennett. We publish below a list of corrections where the printed text might mislead; some of these are improved readings and the result of further research rather than errors, but it will be convenient to put them in a single list.

P6-Ak 5963, delete. P6-Ak 6010, read: Ak 5963+6010. P9-Ak notes, delete 5963. P13-As 40, read: As 40+5093. P15-As 645.1, read:]-ne-ṽ. P15-As 645.2, read: sa-ma-ri-wa-ta VIR[. P23-B 1634, delete text and insert: See B 7035. P24-B notes, 1634 delete note; 7035 add: right-hand portion formerly published as 1634. P27-C 59.2 end, for BOS^m 6 read: BOS 6. P43-Db 1507.B, for ma-wi-ro read: na-wi-ro. P47-Dd 1106.A, read: OVIS^m 175 OVIS^f 15 [. P75-Dv 1652, delete text and insert: See Dv 8208. P79-Dv 5386.1, read: Dv 5386]OVIS^m 3000[and delete line 2. P80-Dv 5817, delete text and insert: See X 8275. P85-Dv notes, 5817 delete; add 8208 Ashmolean; published in SM II as 1652. P107-Lc 527.B, read: TELA¹ 2 [. P112-L 513, add: v. a-mi-si-ja TELA² 12 [. P115-L 1568.1b, last entry: for pe TELA+TE 1 read: mi TELA+TE 1. P122-M 5107, read: M5107+5123. P133-Sc 247, for pe-re read: pa-re. P133-Sc 251, read:]je-u. P165-X 1385, read: X 1385+1537. P165-X 1390, for e-u-o-mo [read: e-u-mo [. P166-X 1642, read: qa-no-[; insert: X 1646 bis: See X 8101. P188-X 8206, add: v.1]vacat[; v.2]-rī-[; inf. mut. P191-Insert: 771=5017. P194-8275, read: =Dv 5817. P198-645, for Ap read: As. P203-1634, read: B 7035. P203-1635, read: D1 932. P203-1637, read: ***. P203-1638, read: Dp 1061. P203-1652, read: Dv 8208. P203-4444, read: 4444 So 4433. P205-5327, read: 5327 Dd 1429. P206-5559, read: 5559 Dn. P208-5817, read: X 8275. P209-6010, read: Ak 5963. P210-7221, read: 7221 De 1294. P211-7428, read: 7428 Ga 1021. P211-7496, read: 7496 F 1633. P212-7645, read: 7645 De 1138. P215-8196, read: 8196 Dv.

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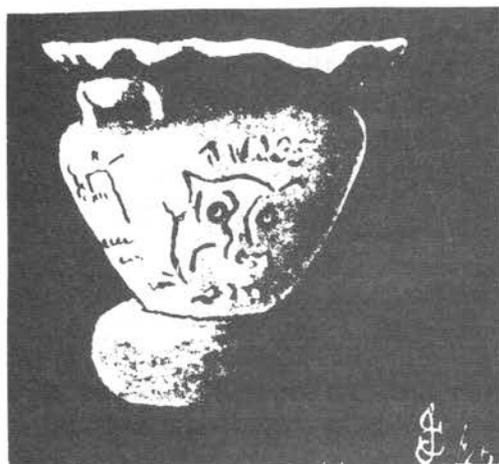
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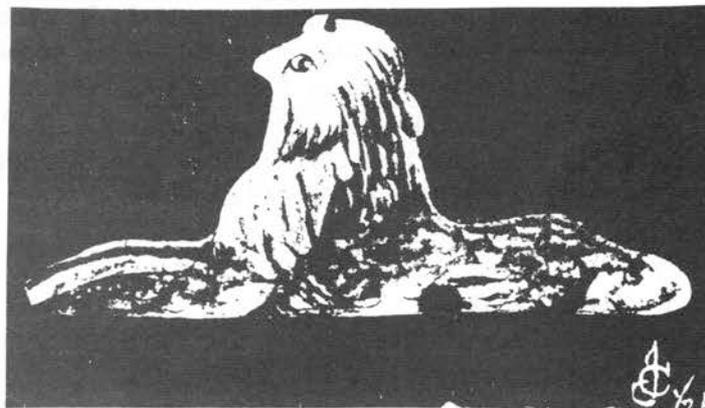
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OWL VASE FROM THE "TREASURES OF PRIAM"

The inscription reads: *From the King Chronos of Atlantis.*
After Schliemann



A HAWK-HEADED SPHINX

A relic from Atlantis discovered by Schliemann among the "Treasures of Priam." Ancient Troy

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From the Proceedings of the Classical Association 61 (1964), we note that the following lectures were presented to various Branches of the Association:

- J. Boardman, "Knossos and Modern Scholarship."
 J. Chadwick, "Mycenaean Greece: a Prehistoric Bureaucracy" and "The Decipherment of Linear B."
 N. Coldstream, "Minoan and Mycenaean Wall Painting."
 J. M. Cook, "Archaeological Journeys in the Troad."
 J. A. Davison, "Homer and His World."

The editorial of Antiquity 38:152 (1964) announces a forthcoming article by N. Platon, in which he will give his views on the latest findings at Thebes. Also given are some comments on M. Ridley's decipherment of the Aetean Seal.

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A summary of the more important archaeological events and a list of all the excavations in Greece during 1964, a year of "scientific revolution." A review of the major books and publications which appeared during the past year; government activities in establishing new museums and caring for the old monuments. Among the events re-examined are the significance of the cylinder seals discovered in the Mycenaean palaces at Thebes, the unique Minoan palace at Zakros, the continually expanding excavations of the palace complex at Keas, the peculiar Neolithic settlement at Saliangos Antiparos, and the underwater finds at Chenchreae.

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"I did find some wall inscriptions," Ed remarked. "They may tell the whole story of this underground city."

"You mean you can translate them?" Bud asked.

"I can try! If I follow the same method Ventris used in cracking the Linear B script from Greece and Crete, it should---"

Tom interrupted his cousin. "If we had time to figure out the symbols, they might show us a secret way out. But, in the mean time, we're in a fix."

Tom himself led the group through the tunnel and pointed out the wonders of the mysterious city. When they came upon Ed, who had been studying the wall inscriptions, Longstreet cried out excitedly:

"I think I've cracked this problem. If my translation is correct, the people who lived here, about two thousand years ago, reached one of the highest stages of civilization in the ancient world!"

"From which today's people will benefit," said Mr. Swift, gazing proudly at Tom.

Victor Appleton II, Tom Swift and His Ultrasonic Cycloplane, 174, 181.

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The Second Congress for Underwater Archaeology will be held in Toronto, Canada, 15-17 April, 1965. A program may be obtained from John Heeston, 2647 Pierce Street, San Francisco, California 94123.

Abbot Bros. (Southall) Ltd., England, offer a series of desks and tables with styling in the modern trend and functionally efficient features, and have appropriately named the series Linear 'C'.

WORK IN PROGRESS

George F. Bass expects to publish Cape Gelidonya: A Bronze Age Shipwreck, with additional chapters written by others, later this year.

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A Fourth International Colloquium on Mycenaean Studies will be held at Cambridge, England, 8-13 April, 1965, under the auspices of the Classical Faculty of the University. The organizing committee includes J. Chadwick, L. R. Palmer, and O. J. L. Szemerényi. It is intended eventually to publish a volume of Proceedings.

The Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, announces that the Michael Ventris Memorial Award for 1964 has been given to Mlle. Monique Gérard of the University of Liège, Belgium. Mlle. Gérard is preparing a doctoral thesis on Mycenaean religion, using the evidence of the Linear B tablets and the Homeric epics as well as the archaeological monuments.

The Andre Emmerich Gallery, 41 East 57th Street, New York, has scheduled an exhibition of Cycladic, Minoan, Mycenaean, and Geometric art from 7 May to 11 June, 1965. A catalogue is available upon request.

A dispatch from the London Times announces that an American engineering firm has recently completed a survey of the tourist potential of Crete for the Greek government. Among the projects recommended are the construction of four new museums--at Khania, Rethymnon, Fodhele, and Iraklion. Also planned is a cable car which will run the eleven-mile length of the ravine of Samaria from Xyloskalo in the White mountains to Aghia Roumeli on the Libyan Sea. The ravine is to be made a national reserve. The survey estimates that 460,000 tourists will be attracted to Crete in 1975.

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Shadows from Greece and Asia Minor. —From the ancient cities of the Grecian Archipelago and Asia Minor, which have been and are being unearthed, many pieces of pottery have been found which have the Octopus



B.



C.

A group of octopus vases from Cyprus

either engraved, raised or painted on them, making prominent and striking decorations. In Crete, Cyprus and Troy many fine and perfect specimens have been discovered. Fortunately, the motif designs vary considerably which gives one a fair chance to read their correct

meaning, as for instance, on vases B and C in the Cyprus Group. On both the tentacles and body are intact. Here the Octopus is simply a reminder of that which it symbolizes. Vase A, from the same ruined city, shows a totally different phase. Here the Octopus is depicted as having been in battle and got the worst of the encounter. This is shown by his broken and cut tentacles, his fighting weapons.



A.

From where did the Greeks get the Octopus? First, the Octopus appears to have been one of the symbols used by Mu.

Colonel James Churchward, The Sacred Symbols of Mu, 240-241

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The Downing Colloquium, the Fourth International Colloquium on Mycenaean Studies, was held at Downing College, Cambridge, 8-12 April, 1965. Those participating and the papers delivered were: A. Bartoněk, "Mycenaean koinê reconsidered"; E. L. Bennett, "On identities and distinctions among some Linear B ideograms"; J. Chadwick, "The Olive Oil Tablets of Knossos"; P. Chantraine, "Finales mycéniennes en -iko"; R. A. Crossland; J. A. Davison; C. Gallavotti, "Quelques remarques de morphologie"; V. Georgiev, "Mycénien et homérique: le problème du Digamma"; G. R. Hart, "The effects of the palatalization of plosives in Mycenaean Greek"; A. Heubeck, "Mycenaean qe-qi-no-me-no"; P. H. Ilievski, "The recipients of the Es Tablets"; D. M. Jones, "Land tenure at Pakijane, some doubts and questions"; J. T. Killen, "The Knossos Nc tablets"; M. Lang, "Cn Flocks"; M. Lejeune, "Le recapitulatif de cadastre Ep de Pylos" and "Doublets et Complexes"; O. Masson; A. Morpurgo Davies, "An instrumental-ablative in Mycenaean?"; J. -P. Olivier, "Les scribes de Cnossos et les signes non translittérés"; L. R. Palmer, "Some points for discussion"; G. Pugliese Carratelli; L. J. D. Richardson, "The origin of the labyrinth, PY Cn 1287"; E. Risch, "Les différences dialectales dans la mycénien"; M. S. Ruipérez, "Mycenaean ijereja: an interpretation"; C. J. Ruijgh, "Quelques remarques sur l'absence de κάλ et sur l'emploi des particules -qe et -de dans les textes mycéniens"; O. J. L. Szemerényi, "The development of the -o/-ā stems in the light of the Mycenaean evidence."

Unable to attend were C. W. Blegen and S. Marinatos, whose paper, "Polydipsion Argos," was read before the Colloquium.

An account of the Colloquium appeared in the London Times, 12 April, 1965, under the headline "Minoan Script Discovery." It referred to the report of an unpublished sealing from Knossos, which included the word a-sa-mi-to. In response to this D. Young pointed out in a letter to the Times of 23 April that the interpretation of that word, suggested in the original account, might be doubted by skeptics. Further, an article by John Hillaby in The New York Times (International Edition), 16 April, "Key is Found to Crete's Linguistic Labyrinth" enlarges upon the theme. He writes: "On one side was a recognizable rectangular object. On the other was a description in Linear B. It read a-sa-mi-to, which is the Homeric Greek word for bathtub (asaminthos). Sir Arthur had found the clue to the script without realizing its significance."

Even more newsworthy for Nestor's subscribers was the announcement that a new piece of PY 1318 had been found and that J. -P. Olivier, in his recent work at Iraklion, has made well over three hundred joins among fragments of Knossos tablets.

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South held its annual meeting at Toledo, Ohio 22-24 April. Among the papers presented were: John E. Coleman, "Excavations on Ceos, 1964"; Betty Grossman, "Recent excavations at Mycenae"; Robert L. Scranton, "Kenchreai, Port of Ancient Corinth."

The American Library Color Slide Co., 222 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10011, announces that it now has available a series of slides on Minoan and Mycenaean art, with lecture notes. A catalogue is available on request.

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The J. H. Gray Lectures at Cambridge were given at the beginning of May by Rhys Carpenter. His subject was "Discontinuity in Greek Civilization."

Das Archäologische Museum in Herakleion hat aus Privatbesitz ein neues Linear A-Täfelchen erworben, das angeblich aus Phaistos stammt und sich mit den H. Triada-Täfelchen berührt (Inv. -Nr. 1609). Hinzu kommt ein Kalksteinsockel aus dem Gebiet des Kophinas (Asterousion Oros), der auf Seiten ein "archaische" A-lineare Inschrift trägt (Inv. -Nr. 2627), und ein Gewichtstein aus dem Gebiet von Siteia mit einzelnen Zeichen. N. Platon hat freundlicherweise zugesagt, die drei Stücke im Kadmos zu veröffentlichen.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Norman Postlethwaite, Department of Greek, University of Sheffield, is working on his doctoral thesis "Formulaic composition in the Homeric Hymns." The study will include some comparison with the Iliad and the Odyssey, other early Greek hexameter poetry and Apollonius Rhodius.

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In the excavations of Xeropolis/Lefkandi (Euboia) under the direction of M. Popham, H. Sackett, and A. Papadopoulou remains have been found from EH, MH, LH IIIB, but chiefly from LH III C, with stratified deposits continuing through Submycenaean into the Geometric period. From various houses in LH III C come its characteristic pottery, an oven, a pair of skeletons, traces of destruction by fire, figs, and an ivory hilted knife. While the Mycenaean settlement covers the whole height of the hill (ca. 600 x 150 m.), the Protogeometric settlement was confined to the NE section. An inscription (5 letters) of 700 B.C. was found, and a sherd with marks reminiscent of Linear B. (M. Paraskevaïdis, Kathimerini 25 July, 1965.)

P. Faure identifies as the Labyrinth of the Minoan period the cave "Skoteino" Pediados. (Patrida Irakleiou, 1 August, 1965.)

In the Athenian Agora beneath the Middle Stoa H. Thompson has discovered a Mycenaean chamber tomb (diameter ca. 4 m.) with more than two burials, pottery ranging from LH III A to III C, a bronze spearhead, fragments of wood and ivory. (E. Karapanayioti, Bema 3 August; M. Paraskevaïdis, Kathimerini 5 August; A. Kalogeropoulou, Eleftheria 8 August 1965.)

Excavation of a site at Samona Apokoronou (Crete), with remains including Neolithic, a Minoan settlement, and Geometric, has been carried out under the direction of Mr. Tzedakis, July-August 1965. (Bema, 27 July; 12 August, 1965.)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Alex Leukart is currently preparing a doctoral thesis "Die Wortbildung im mykenischen Griechisch" at the University of Zurich (Ernst Risch).

Among the American Council of Learned Societies fellowships given for 1965-66 was one presented to Bernard C. Fenik of Princeton University for the study of "Formulaic narrative elements as the basis of Homeric epic style."

The Centro di Studi Micenei at the University of Rome plans the following volumes as future additions to its series Incunabula Graeca: M. Doria, Avviamento allo studio del miceneo: struttura, problemi e testi. VI. Georgiev, Introduzione alla storia delle lingue indoeuropee. L. Deroy-M. Gérard, Le cadastre mycénien de Pylos. L. Cravino, Bibliografia sistematica del miceneo. C. Gallavotti, Le origini greche. J.-P. Olivier, Les scribes de Cnossos. N. Parise, Il sistema ponderale delle iscrizioni micenee. M. Pope-J. Raison, Le linéaire A. J. Raison, Les vases inscrits de l'âge mycénien.

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KN 193	𐀜 𐀝 𐀞 𐀟 𐀠 𐀡 𐀢 𐀣 𐀤 𐀥
KN 8031	𐀦 𐀧 𐀨 𐀩 𐀪 𐀫 𐀬 𐀭

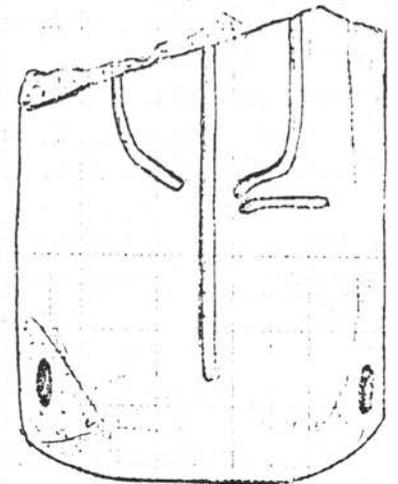
E. L. B.

A third and final season of excavations at Kastri on the southeastern coast of the island of Kythera was carried out in 1965 by the British School at Athens in association with the University of Pennsylvania Museum with G. Huxley as Director. On the promontory the excavation of a complex of houses discovered in 1964 was completed. The houses, which all belong to the Late Minoan IB period, were abandoned by the Cretan colonists during the fifteenth century B. C. Two phases of Late Minoan IB occupation were discerned. Beneath the floors of the Late Minoan IB houses stratified deposits of Late Minoan IA and earlier pottery were explored. Late Helladic IIA pottery was again found in the Late Minoan IB levels. Because the earliest wares, those lying upon virgin earth, were found to be of Middle Minoan I type, it is considered that Kastri is one of the earliest Minoan settlements to have been founded outside Crete. The first colonists may have arrived there as early as 2000 B. C. Amongst the most remarkable finds from the promontory excavations were two silver cups, a greenstone bowl, and a golden bead less than a centimetre long with four human faces exquisitely embossed upon it.

On the neck of land which lies north of Kastri one trench was excavated to a depth of more than 3 metres. Here was found a Late Minoan IB pebble floor with a fine deposit of whole pots, including a jar in the marine style; next a stone floor with Late Minoan IA sherds upon it, together with parallel walls suggesting that here was a small store-room or passage: finally, stratified under the stone floor were discovered sherds of Late Minoan IA and Middle Minoan III date. In the Middle Minoan III deposit a clay weight with a sign in Linear script A written upon it provided the first evidence of Minoan literacy at Kastri. The stratification is of great interest, since separate levels of Late Minoan IA and B pottery could be distinguished.

"Preserved length .058, width .056, thickness .048. Broken across the width. Surface worn. Gritty micaceous red clay. Pierced with 2 holes running through the thickness near the end, diameter .066. Traces here and there of a burnished surface. On one of the sides, part of a graffito, probably drawn in wet clay. MMIII context." [From the excavation record, kindly provided in Xero-graphic copy by G. L. Huxley.]

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In the upper village of Apano Zakro, a large villa or administrative building has been excavated in the 1965 season. Among the finds are the most complex wine press ever discovered in Crete, many fragments of fresco with floral decoration, and eight large pithoi. One of these has on the shoulder between the handles an inscription of 23 (or 25?) Linear A signs, in two lines.

At the palace site of Kato Zakro, in the north area, magazines next to the kitchen were filled with all types of culinary terracottas, tripods, chafing dishes, condiment containers, large quantities of cups, and a stone pedestal stand with a device for holding and permitting interchangeable table-tops. Fragments of such decorated table tops were also found. In the courtyard were found a large bronze mirror, a golden earring or pendant, and a dirk dagger, along with horns of consecration in plaster and in stone. In the east area are two rooms much damaged by deep plowing. One is divided by many doors; the other has columns, a bench, and a circular well-like structure, 17 feet in diameter, in which 5 or 7 steps lead down. Water from a spring still flows here. Dr. Platon is inclined to regard this latter room as a structure somewhat like the piscina found in Roman villas and in Spain. In the south area a number of jars with fitted covers, apparently used for preserving meat, were discovered. One contained the jaw-bone of a cow. Also found were a bronze bowl, two small double bronze axes, and a number of undecorated jars. A narrow passageway in this area was also decorated with a floral fresco. The excavation was under the direction of Nicholas Platon. Mr. Leon Pomerance has sent these notes, supplemented by the account of E. Karapanayoti, Vima, 3 October 1965.

At Saliagos John Evans and Colin Renfrew have excavated for the British School of Archaeology a neolithic settlement. Among the finds are defensive walls up to 1.50 m. thick, house walls, pottery, obsidian, bone and shell implements, mill stones, and violin-shaped marble figurines (M. Paraskevaidis, Kathimerini 10 September 1965).

In excavations of the Greek Archaeological Society, S. Marinatos has uncovered at Peristeria (Triphyllia) beneath the floor of a tholos tomb a grave containing gold cups and a silver cup and a gold diadem. These are comparable with the discoveries in Schliemann's Shaft Graves at Mycenae (M. Paraskevaidis, Kathimerini, 22, 28 September 1965 and H. Mühlestein, Basler Nachrichten 444 Mi., 20 October 1965).

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The Epimelete I. Tzedakis, in excavations at Kastelli, Khania, has found material extending from the end of the Neolithic to the end of the Late Minoan period. These include sherds of Vasiliki ware, of MM barbotine, cups of Kamares ware and others of Vaphio shape, pots imported from Cyprus, and a complete Mycenaean dagger (Kirykos Khanion, 28 September; Eleftheria 30 September 1965).

In excavations of the Greek Archaeological Society, N. Kontoleon has found at the shore of Grotta, Naxos, sherds of Early and Middle Cycladic, and from Late Cycladic house walls and Mycenaean pottery (mostly III C). Nearby at Aplomatoi two

chamber tombs (or the period III C) were discovered (M. Paraskevaidis, Kathimerini, 3 October 1965).

The Ephor E. Mastrokostas, at Mila, Palaiomanina Xeromerou, has excavated a Mycenaean tholos tomb 11 m. in diameter, fallen in, but preserved to a height of 3.5 m. (Peloponnisos Patron, & Athinaiki, 12 October 1965).

The suggestion for the establishment of an archaeological museum at Mycenae is discussed in Kathimerini, 13 October 1965.

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At Phaistos in 1965 excavations of the Italian Archaeological School under Doro Levi have uncovered walls enclosing on the west and south the theatrical area. Southwest of this a paved Minoan road has appeared, and further south still, remains of houses of the Proto-palatial period (M. Paraskevaïdis, Kathimerini, 24 October 1965).

Further details of the finds at Zakro are reported by M. Paraskevaïdis, Kathimerini, 31 October and 14 November 1965; and with more poetry by Th. Drakos, Akropolis, 5 November 1965.

At Corinth some ceramic and architectural evidence of the Early Helladic period has been found in the area of the Gymnasium excavated this year (M. Paraskevaïdis, Kathimerini 7 November 1965).

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Alan Samuel's The Mycenaeans in History is to be published early next year by Prentice Hall.

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor:- The report (Nestor p. 411) of the discovery at Zakro of "a stone pedestal stand with a device for holding and permitting interchangeable table-tops" suggests a possible solution to the two tables at Pylos described as a-ka-ra-no (Ta 715.2). The simplest solution in terms of the Greek vocabulary is to take this as akarānos "headless," but I could not imagine what a headless table might be, until I read this account of a topless stand. This solution might be disproved if we could finally determine the meanings of a-pi-qo-to and po-ro-e-ke; but it is consistent with at least some of the suggestions for these.

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Yours, &c.
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COMMUNICATIONS

An unlooted royal tholos tomb has been discovered at Arkhanes in Crete (Eleftheria, 16, 28 November [A. G. Kalogeropoulou]; Kathimerini [M. Paraskevidis] 19, 23, 28 November, 1 December; Vima [E. Karapanayoti] 21 November 1965). This follows on the excavation of a portion of a palatial building nearby. The excavation, supported by the Travelers' Club of Arkhanes, is under the direction of J. Sakellarakis. Near the tholos is an EM III ossuary with at least 170 skulls, and 14 ivory seals, one of which bears the pictographic signs of a cup and a double axe. Also near is a rectangular vaulted tomb of LM III, which was robbed in Roman times but has yielded an agate seal and bits of crystal and ivory.

The tholos has at its south side a rectangular chamber within which was a terracotta sarcophagus. Beside the sarcophagus were found ten bronze vases, an ivory handled bronze mirror, and an ivory plaque with shields and two boars'-tusk-helmeted heads. Beneath were two more bronze vases and a bronze lamp. Within the larnax were many gold-leaf ornaments of the dress, six marvelous necklaces of gold and of stone, two miniature gold boxes, a sard sealstone with two wild goats and a figure-8 shield, five gold rings, three with figure-8 shields, one combining a shield and the "sacred knot." The last (one of the three on the hand) includes the figures of the goddess, a worshipper, and a pithos. The excavation of the contents of the sarcophagus was completed at 4:00 a. m. the 15th of November (a moonless night).

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Individual signs of Linear B resemble a Gothic arch enclosing a vertical line, a ladder, a heart with a stem running through it, a bent trident with a barb, a three-legged dinosaur looking behind him, an A with an extra horizontal bar through it, a backward S, a tall beer glass, half full, with a bow tied on its rim; dozens look like nothing at all in this world.

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