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Treasury of Minyas '61-	('66 4)	8,277	8,947	...
Akrotiri Thiras			11,024	37 !
Lerna '63-	('67 6)	10,716	12,117	...
Pylos Museum '61-	('71 6)	17,132	18,647	...
Tylissos '63-	20	16,987	23,850	23 !
Thebes Museum '62-	14	28,133	33,242	18 !
Chora Museum '66-	24	31,254	38,551	25 !
Thera Museum '61-	38	33,949	47,966	47 !
Nafplion Museum '60-	21	46,855	53,081	...
Palace of Nestor '61-	62	114,506	135,108	69 !
Tiryns '61-	140	304,424	352,453	161 !
Treasury of Atreus '61-	729	1,280,745	1,541,108	868 !
Iraklion Museum '61-	785	1,424,795	1,620,897	...
Knossos '60-	859	1,577,264	1,733,387	...
Mycenae '61-	848	1,542,978	1,841,408	900 !
National Archaeological M. '60-	1,528	3,009,957	3,485,392	1,604 !

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Papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Washington, 28-30 December, 1975, include: Stephen T. Kelley, "Metrical evidence on the nature of Greek proto-epic." Terrence A. Boring, "Literacy in Ancient Sparta."

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many have already paid their charges, some are involved in paperwork, some have not responded, and thirty have continued or initiated the exchange of their publications for Nestor, either with the Editor, or with the Library of the University of Wisconsin, with the greater advantage usually falling here. The cost of postage increases, of course, with the January issue, but there is not yet a plan to increase the charges.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Programme de la réunion de la Société d'Etudes Anciennes de l'Université Catholique de Louvaine: Exposé par M. D. Speiser: "La symétrie de l'ornement sur un bijou du trésor de Mycènes et ses implications pour l'histoire de la géométrie" (2 décembre 1975).

Dissertation completed: Charles Adelman, "Cypro-Geometric Pottery: Refinements in classification" (University of Chicago).

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Am 26. November verstarb in Weil am Rhein der bekannte Altertumsforscher Joseph Wiesner. 1913 in Schlesien geboren, prägte ihn der Breslauer Archäologe Ludolf Malten, bei dem er mit 23 Jahren das Dokorexamen ablegte. Nach drei weiteren Jahren erfolgte bereits die Habilitation in Königsberg. 1937/38 hatte er als Stipendiat des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Gelegenheit, seine Studien in Griechenland zu vertiefen und neue Anregungen zu sammeln. Nach schweren Kriegs- und Nachkriegsjahren gelang es ihm, im Westen Fuss zu fassen und als Freiburger Honorarprofessor wieder tätig in die archäologische Forschung und Lehre einzugreifen. In dieser Phase seines Wissenschaftlers Daseins erfolgte ein zweiter Ausgriff in die Weite, indem er sich im Orient und in Ägypten auf zahlreichen Reisen Anschauung alter Kulturen verschaffte.

Seine Interessen waren nämlich vom Beginn an kulturhistorischer Natur: "Grab und Jenseits, Untersuchungen im ägäischen Raum zur Bronzezeit und frühen Eisenzeit" (1938), "Fahren und Reiten in Alteuropa und im alten Orient" (1939), bezeichnen die Themenkreise, denen sich Wiesner in vielen Aufsätzen und Büchern widmete. Es sind zu nennen "Fahrende und reitende Götter" (1941/42), "Reiter und Ritter im ältesten Rom" (1944) und zahlreiche Beiträge zu Lexika und Handbüchern bis hin zu seinem schönen Werk "Fahren und Reiten" in der "Archaeologia Homerica" (1968), deren Redaktor er dann bis zu seinem Tode war.

Diese intensive Beschäftigung führte ihn zwangsläufig auf "Die Kulturen der frühen Reitervölker" (Handbuch der Kulturgeschichte, 1968), hin zu den

nördlichen Nachbarn der Griechen (Die Thraker, 1963; Kimmerier und Skythen, 1943), bis tief nach Asien hinein (Funde und Forschungen im sibirischen Altertum, 1955).

Der schon in seinem ersten grossen Werk über den Jenseitsglauben im vorgriechischen Ägäisgebiet angelegte religionshistorische Aspekt liess ihn ein Leben lang ebensowenig los; so hat er sich mit Sternbildern beschäftigt (Lexikon der Alten Welt, 1965), mit dem "Glockensymbol auf Dürers 'Ritter, Tod, und Teufel'" (Forschungen und Fortschritte, 1943); in einem ansprechenden Buch "Olympos" (1960) hat er die Kultstätten der Griechen zusammenfassend gewürdigt.

Die Archäologie verliert mit ihm einen ihrer universalhistorischen Vertreter, die deutsche Altertumswissenschaft im weiteren Sinne einen ihrer wenigen Fachleute für die grossen Kulturzusammenhänge zwischen dem Mittelmeerraum und Asien, die "Archaeologia Homerica" insbesondere einen unermüdlichen Mitarbeiter, das Deutsche Archäologische Institut eins seiner Ordentlichen Mitglieder.

Giessen
26 November 1975

Yours, &c.
Hans-Günter Buchholz

To the Editor: - The basic difference between John Chadwick and myself over Mycenaean rations (Nestor 1.viii and 1.x.75) may be simply diagnosed.

1. I prefer to practise economy of hypotheses in answering the question "What is a DA?" in the KN Ak and PY Ab series. A single explanation is imposed by the great similarity between these two sets of texts. They both list women, girls, and boys (with predominantly textile associations)

along with DA 1 and TA 1 or 2, according to the numbers involved. Chadwick accepts my conclusion (of 1959) that a TA is a female supervisor. On DA we differ. I start not with a hypothesis but with a fact. KN As 608+625, associated by hand (H.103) and find-place with the Ak series, lists men as either DA 1 or VIR 1 (the distinction is significant: a DA is no ordinary man). KN Uf 1522 supports this. It is associated by Handlist number and find-place with the As(2) set from the Domestic Quarter and the men are recorded as DA 1. All that I do is to apply this insight to the PY Ab series. That a TA correlates with GRA T 2 and a DA with GRA T 5 was demonstrated in 1959.

2. Dr. Chadwick, for reasons which are still unclear to me, refuses to equate the PY DA with the KN DA. For him a DA is a female supervisor superior to a TA. But now we have the new TH evidence, and in TH II, 92 the KN texts are adduced in favour of DA being a man. It makes the important epigraphic point that on Of 34.1 DA immediately follows a man's name and is separated by a wide gap from the ideogram LANA. Now it is argued that DA may be a qualification of wool. But on Of 39.2 DA again immediately follows a man's name and is separated by a gap from ku.LANA, cf. Of 40.1. The point that no numeral follows DA is weakened by the fact that the same

is true of the PY Ab texts: we have to deduce from analysis of the quantities whether DA TA stands for DA 1 and TA 1 or 2.

3. All the rest of my case is simply logical deductions from my equations KN DA = PY DA = TH DA: the central position of M as the functional "khoinix", its 1/60 ratio to the major unit, its division into 4 "kotylae", the emergence of BARLEY M 1 as the basic unit of accountancy in the PY Fn series, the Mesopotamian analogies, etc.

4. The counter-case operates with three hypotheses: KN DA is a man, PY DA is a superior female supervisor, and a TH DA is now taken as some qualification of wool which has just happened (in both texts) to have drifted away from its legitimate epigraphic partner and come into close cohabitation with a man's name. Even this is not enough: it can be saved only by a complex of ad hoc explanations the detailed rebuttal of which will require a lengthy article. The point of this letter is to bring out the simplicity of the central issue: are the DA of KN and PY identical? More generally, is to count one's hypotheses not the simplest method of objective self-assessment?

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Yours, &c.
L. R. Palmer

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To the Editor: - John Chadwick (Nestor 1011), in dealing with Professor Palmer's letter (Nestor 1003-4) on the issue of Mycenaean rations, repeats his statement (Gnomon 36 [1964] 321-7) that the equation presented by KN Am 819-18 'men' and 8 'boys' received HORD 9/7/3/-, finds only 'one plausible solution, namely a ration of Z 90 for both 'men' and 'boys.' He explains this rather astonishing result by adding that "since the 'boys' are attached to a work-group of men, they must be nearly adult and will require similar rations."

To me, this seems too modernistic an approach; in primitive society, the coming of age was the most important event in a man's life, and one would expect a difference in treatment between the two categories. Moreover, the figure of Z 90 entails a proportion between HORD:GRA of 15:8, which is at variance with the equation HORD 5/3/4/? = GRA 2/6/5/2.

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The texts from Hagia Triada show that different treatment of various categories is normal, even when listed together and, in addition thereto that the basic ratios compare as 1:4/5:1/2 (Kadmos 12 [1973] 28-59, Table XVII). A similar ratio is to be expected in the Linear B records.

Indeed, when applying the standard ratio of HORD T4 for the 'men' and of four-fifths thereof for the 'boys,' the required total is Z 2342.4 as against a recorded total of Z 2340, the 'rounding down' being only one per thousand. The difference may be due to the fact that four-fifths of T 4 = Z 76.8, an 'impossible' figure, corrected to 76.5.

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - A propos des tablettes en linéaire A d'Arkhanès (A. Lébessi - J.-P. Olivier - L. Godart, Arch. Eph. [année?: not yet received in Madison], pp. 113-167): Le signe nouveau d'ARKH 3b.2, classé L 163 par les éditeurs et rapproché par eux du caractère n° 5 de KO Z 1b (avec une hésitation pour ce caractère en direction de L 58), ne serait-il pas en fait une variante de L 34? On notera que dans cette dernière inscription il côtoie précisément 58 et ne se confond pas avec lui, quoiqu'il lui ressemble; d'autre part, il apparaît là dans une séquence qui pourrait fort bien rappeler le 34-54 de ces textes assez semblables que paraissent avoir été, pour la formulation, PK Z 8a et PK Z 15 (= C. Davaras, Kadmos XI:2 [1972] 101 sqq.).

Par la même occasion, on proposera d'appeler tout simplement AK le matériel d'Arkhanès. On demandera, pour éviter toute ambiguïté:

- dans les transcriptions "tabulaires": un tracé des signes (e.g. L 52) qui soit réellement celui du linéaire A, et non par exemple celui du linéaire B;
- dans les transcriptions "normalisées": l'abandon des tirets, qui prêtent à confusion avec le symbole minoen de la dizaine;
- dans les classements de signes, enfin: un usage mieux adapté de la dénomination "monogrammes," certainement impropre dans l'emploi proposé (pour "sigles," p. 143, n. 4).

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To the Editor: - L154 in HT 115, 127: J. Raison et M. Pope, Index du linéaire A, 1971, classify as L154 the sign occurring twice on the clay-bar from Mallia, MA 1; cf. (iii). This sign shows the same essential elements as sign (ii): HT 115a.1; 127a.2, but, following Brice (W. C. Brice, Inscriptions in the Minoan Linear Script of Class

A, 1961), was classified L102. The style of writing of the scribe of HT 115 corresponds to that of the scribe of HT 13 (Raison & Pope: Group viii, page xx, n. 64); the latter wrote L102 not like (ii) but in a manner corresponding to the somewhat more

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
	L 102	L 102?	L 154	L 102
	HT 13	HT 115	MA 1	MA 1

"realistic" L102 of MA 1, cf. (i) and (iv).

The concurrence of (iii) and (iv) demonstrates that L154 is distinct from L102; hence (ii) of HT 115, 127 has to be reclassified as L154 and corrections corresponding thereto will have to be made in the work of Raison and Pope: fig. 18, p. 17; fig. 28, p. 29; fig. 48, p. 59; fig. 55, p. 67; fig. 83, p. 111; fig. 183, p. 245; figs. 201, 202, p. 271; fig. 213, p. 291.

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Puisque le disque de Phaistos n'a pas encore été déchiffré, il y a de fortes chances qu'il s'agit de l'écriture des Atlantes. Tel est le raisonnement de Maurice Chatelain.

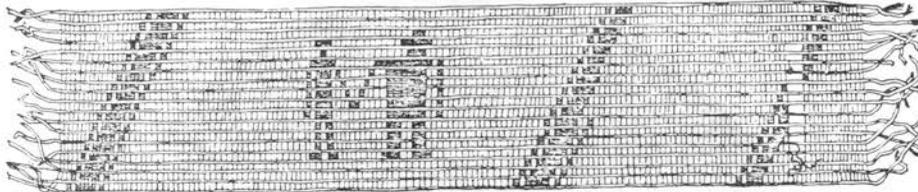
Le Soir, 16 jan. 1976, Albert Brunet. Il y a quelques semaines à peine, la télévision française présentait un pittoresque confrontation. Jean-Pierre Adam, Francis Mazière, Maurice Chatelaine, Christine Dequerlor [v. 60216, 60217, 60218]. Pour la première fois sans doute, les téléspectateurs on pu assister à un match entre un archéologue dit "officiel" et trois archéologues "parallèles," c'est-à-dire ceux qui voient dans les réalisations les plus étonnantes de nos lointains ancêtres l'héritage, soit d'une race de géants, soit de la fabuleuse Atlantide, soit encore de visiteurs extra-terrestres.

... Il se fait que l'homme d'aujourd'hui, malgré les moyens toujours plus affinés qui lui permettent de sonder les énigmes du passé et de l'univers avec méthode et raison, ait besoin de merveilleux comme d'une drogue. Les rationalistes s'en désoleront sans doute, mais à coup sûr, pas les éditeurs!

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POST SCRIPTUM – NOTA BENE

The preparation of Nestor has been an increasingly time-consuming task, made palatable and often pleasant by its inherent variety and interest, and especially by the generous and frequent encouragement and support of my colleagues, the subscribers. My involvement with its continuation has almost always prevented consideration of the future of Nestor, and of my own, and I suppose that I would have answered the question, "What will become of Nestor, and of you?," not taking it seriously, with a vision of our walking steadily toward a glowing sunset.



Recently, however, the inevitable intrusion of red tape, the necessity of preparing bills, invoices, receipts, and of becoming a business manager keeping accounts (is there something ironic here for one originally concerned with Linear B?) rather than remaining simply a circulation manager, has at last brought me to a serious awareness of that question. And to a resolution. I expect therefore to continue to publish Nestor up until the end of this fourth volume, and not to begin a fifth. I estimate that Nestor will reach the last page, 1200, with a December issue of 1977, or at the very latest with an anniversary issue of 23 February 1978.

I make this announcement now, with the possibility in mind that someone may wish to continue this work in approximately the same manner. In that, perhaps unlikely, case it would seem appropriate first to share and then to make over my interests in the publication of Nestor to him. I will be very happy to receive any expressions of interest in this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS

IVth International Colloquium on Aegean Prehistory. This is to be held in the University of Sheffield, 13-17 April 1977. The topic is Troy: history and contacts. Offers of papers are welcomed. The programme will be arranged in sections: I. Troy, the Troad and adjacent regions in the late Neolithic and the MBA; II. The Trojan region in the MBA and LBA: (a) archaeological problems; (b) Hittite documentary evidence; (c) other linguistic evidence. III. The destruction of Troy VIIA, and the Troad in the early Iron Age: (a) archaeological evidence; (b) linguistic evidence. IV. Greek literary and pictorial evidence: its historical value. Further information from Professor R. A. Crossland, Department of Greek, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN, England.

The Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati offered a Symposium on "Homer: Tradition and Invention," March 5-6, 1976. The papers presented were: Alfred Heubeck, "Homeric studies today: results and prospects." G. S. Kirk, "The formal duels in Iliad III and VII." J. B. Hainsworth, "Formulae: Good and Not-So-Good." Uvo Hoelscher, "The transformation from folk tale to epic." Bernard Fenik, "Stylization and diversity: Four monologues in the Iliad."

During the past academic year the Department of Classics of Brock University (St. Catharines, Ontario) has sponsored a series of five lectures revolving around the general theme of "Current Problems in the Aegean Bronze Age." The lecturers and their topics were as follows: L. Vance Watrous, "The Archaeological Excavations at Thera; The Lost Atlantis?" J. Walter Graham, "Cretan Palaces and Their Problems." Mark A. S. Cameron, "New Examples of and Theoretical Problems in Minoan Fresco Representations from Crete and the Cyclades." Karen D. Vitelli, "In Search of the Prehistoric Potter." James R. Carpenter, "Excavations at Phaneromeni: New Light on the Cypriote Bronze Age."

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertations in progress: Karl M. Petruso, "Systems of weight in the Bronze Age Aegean and Cyprus," Indiana University. Karen Polinger Foster, "Aegean faience of the Bronze Age," Yale University. Kenneth W. Schaar, "Sources of Mycenaean palatial design," Cornell University, History of Architecture and Urban Development.

Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Knoxville, April 15-17, 1976: Richard La Fleur, "The Mallia 'Hornet Earpiece': Reflections on a Bronze Age Wasp-watcher."

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WORK IN PROGRESS

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 Emily J. Clark, "The frescoes of Thera." J. Stephen Freeman, "The origin of King Minos."

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The Eleventh International Congress of Classical Archaeology will be held in London, September 3-9, 1978. Theme: Greece and Italy in the Classical World. The First Circular and the Enrolment form may be obtained from: Dr. Ann Birchall, Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum, London WC1B 3DG, England. The Enrolment Form should be returned by 10th June, 1976, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Publication Committee of the Swedish Institute in Athens has decided to reduce the price for Arne Furumark, *The Mycenaean Pottery*, from 250 to 125 Crowns, and the *Chronology of Mycenaean Pottery*, from 75 to 37:50 Crowns. The supplementary volume of plates is still in preparation, now due in 1977. The books may be ordered from Paul Åström, Södra Vågen 61, S-412 54 Göteborg, Sweden.

WORK IN PROGRESS

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Food rations for "men" and "boys." In commenting on Chadwick's interpretation of a Mycenaean text, Daniel A. Was (Nestor 1031) correctly observes that in many societies "coming of age" is a major event in an individual's life. However, to characterize Mycenaean society as "primitive" may be considered ethnocentric. These literate people with a sophisticated technology and extensive "international" trade relations were more likely operating as part of an incipient state, if not as part of a developed city-state political system. The Mycenaean, as well as numbers of peoples whom Dr. Was might characterize as "primitive," were certainly aware that the food requirements and consumption potential of "young men" or boys in their late teens is often in excess of mature adult males. The food requirements for working "boys," therefore, must be seen as a function of labor output as well as metabolic growth requirements. We have no reason to believe that Chadwick's (Nestor 1003-4) inference that the "men" and "boys" were receiving equal or similar rations was not true in this case.

Since the detailed study of food distribution and consumption in hunting and gathering societies as well as in simple agrarian societies is just now becoming a focal point within anthropology, and is also a concern to nutritionists, comparative data from which tentative conclusions may be drawn do not appear to be available. However, at this point there exists no evidence to suggest that a deliberate effort would be made to deprive the "boys" in this instance of necessary rations.

If the "boys" in this example are near manhood, or possibly unmarried (but possibly young adult) males, then one would have every reason to suspect that

all the members of this work-group would receive an equal ration. While the point made by Was is well taken, Chadwick's interpretation may be seen as secure in the light of available evidence. This comment in no way negates the accuracy of the other texts referenced by Was, but is intended to support the concept that "boyhood" and "manhood" are not always two vastly different life stages separated by a major ritual event. Varying subcategories of growth and development within each of these two areas are recognized by all peoples, and Chadwick's interpretation merely requires that we be aware of these possible variations.

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Yours, &c.
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Kreta ... von Karl Hoeck, Dr. ... 1828.

Zweytes Buch. Das Minoische Kreta. I. Volksbestandtheile.

Phrygische Kolonisten, deren geistiges Eigenthum die orgiastische Naturverehrung war, hatten sich in ferner Urzeit auf Kreta niedergelassen. Ihr religiöser Mittelpunkt wurde der Zeus Kretagenes, und diesem Cultus gehören die Kureten und Idäischen Daktylen an. Gleichfalls siedelten sich auf dieser Insel Ankömmlinge aus Phönikien, die jenen Kreis von Sonnen- und Monddienst hierher verpflanzten, dessen mythische Wesen der Hellene sich zur Europa

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Treasury of Minyas '61-	('66 4)	8,947	9,533	2
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Akrotiri Thiras '73-	37	11,024	20,593	32
Tylissos '63-	23	23,850	28,683	17
Thebes Museum '62-	18	33,242	36,793	12
Chora Museum '66-	25	38,551	43,679	18
Thera Museum '61-	47	47,966	56,727	30
Nafplion Museum '60-	('72 21)	53,081	58,821	20
Palace of Nestor '61-	69	135,108	148,991	47
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Iraklion Museum '61-	('72 785)	1,620,897	1,623,544	9
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Mycenae '61-	900	1,841,408	2,030,254	630
National Archaeological M. '60-	1,604	3,485,392	3,799,244	1,047

V. source and explanation p. 965.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - The publication of the new Thebes tablets has prompted the identification of an obscure occupational term of the Mycenaean vocabulary. The words no-ri-wo-ko Aa 98 and no-ri-wo-ko-jo Ad 669 are recorded on the Pylos tablets; they are female occupational terms, very probably connected with the manufacture of textiles. A delivery of ku LANA 1 is assigned to the no-ri-wo-ki-de as recipients on TH Of 36.1. As Dr. Chadwick has pointed out (The Thebes Tablets II, pp. 87-88), such no-ri-wo-ki-de are the same kind of female workers as the Pylian no-ri-wo-ko, although the Theban term shows a second member /-worgis/ cf. ἀλουργίς instead of the Pylian one /-worgos/. However, as Dr. Chadwick also points, its recurrence does nothing to make the identification of the first member of the compound easier. The word no-ri-wo-ko was discussed by F. Bader (Les composés grecs du type de demiourgos, Paris 1965, pp. 39-40) and I should like to strengthen the first possibility of relationship produced in her analysis.

I am assuming that the pair no-ri-wo-ki-de/no-ri-wo-ko is a female occupational term connected with the manufacture of textiles. I should like to emphasize the fact that we have already many occupational terms connected with the textile sphere and that it is possible that the Knossos tablets record the com-

plete catalog of such occupational terms. The hypothesis I am putting forward is based on the assumption that the only and the same occupation, whatever may be, may be designed by two different, but related occupational terms on epichoric grounds. We know that the women dealing with the o-nu-ke are recorded as o-nu-ke-ja at Pylos and at Knossos. On the contrary, the women connected with the e-ne-ra are recorded as e-ne-re-ja only at Knossos. It is tempting that the words no-ri-wo-ko at Pylos and no-ri-wo-ki-de at Thebes stand for such women connected with the textile material, which is named e-ne-ra at Knossos: namely, that the first member of the compound no-ri-- is to be related to e-ne-ra. I am suggesting that no-ri-- shows an o-vocalism instead of the e-vocalism of e-ne-ra, such a form being characterized in addition by a prothetic e- (cf. $\acute{\epsilon}$ - $\nu\acute{\epsilon}\rho\tau\epsilon\rho\varsigma$ vs. $\nu\acute{\epsilon}\rho\tau\epsilon\rho\varsigma$).

The identification I have advanced has the gain that it is internally founded, without any reference to a particular Greek word of the 1st Millennium lexicon.

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Yours, &c.

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. . . qu'il est permis de rire entre mycénologues

Minos the Just was well known
 For wanting Knossos to get goin'
 He said, "I'll wave my hand,
 And all through the land,
 Let begin the Middle Minoan."

L.C.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Aux considérations que M. J. Becker (Nestor, 1049-1050) vient d'émettre en faveur de rations alimentaires égales distribuées aux adultes et aux enfants mycéniens, je voudrais ajouter ceci : 1) D. A. Was (Nestor, 1031-1032) suppose que la ration mensuelle des hommes adultes serait de HORD T 4; celle des enfants serait $4/5$ de T 4, soit HORD Z 76, 8. Ceci, dit-il, est "an 'impossible' figure, corrected to 76.5." Ce qui est gênant, dans ce raisonnement, c'est que Z 76, 5 est tout aussi "impossible" que Z 76, 8, puisque les Mycéniens n'avaient pas d'unités inférieures à Z. Il devrait être clair qu'introduire des décimales là où n'existent pas d'unités divisionnaires est un anachronisme.

2) M. J. Becker attire à juste titre l'attention sur les parallèles qui pourraient exister aux rations alimentaires mycéniennes. En voici un, qui a l'avantage d'être grec: dans un mémoire encore inédit, conservé aux archives du ministère des affaires étrangères de France, daté de 1908, M. De Jassaud signale que les enfants de l'île de Psara (à l'ouest de Chios) touchaient exactement le même salaire que les adultes, car "les Psariotes avaient pour principe que la vie d'un enfant est aussi précieuse à l'Etat que celle d'un homme fait et l'un et l'autre courant en mer les mêmes dangers ont donc droit à des salaires égaux" (cité par J. Lacarrière, L'été grec. Une Grèce quotidienne de 4000 ans, Paris, Plon, 1976, p. 317).

Louvain
11 juillet 1976

Yours, &c.
Yves Duhoux

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COMMUNICATIONS

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Στυλιανὸς Ἀλεξίου, Προανακτορικά ἀκροπολεῖς τῆς Κρήτης [Pre-palatial acropolises of Crete].

Βασίλης Ἀραβαντινός, Γύρω ἀπὸ τὰ ἰдеоγράμματα DA (*1), PA (*3), καὶ TA (*59)[On the ideograms DA, PA, and TA].

Paul Åström, Minoan features at Hala Sultan Tekke.

John Boardman, Daidalos and monumental sculpture.

William Charles Brice, Recent additions to the corpus of Linear A.

Gerald Cadogan, Minoan Pyrgos.

John Chadwick, The ancient Cretan dialect.

John Nicolas Coldstream, Knossian figured scenes of the 9th century B. C.

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Σωτήριος Δάκαρης, Ἡ λειτουργία τῶν τριγλύφων στὸ δωρικὸ ναὸ [The function of the triglyphs in the Doric temple].

Louis Deroy, Sur un usage décoratif du dauphin dans le mobilier mycénien.

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Yves Duhoux, L'écriture et le texte du disque de Phaestos.

Κλεοπάτρα Εὐστρατίου, Ἀπὸ τὴν κεραμικὴ τῶν Νεοανακτορικῶν χρόνων στὰ Χανιά [Pottery of Neo-palatial times at Khandia].

Paul Faure, Les mines du roi Minos.

Enrica Fiandra, Notizie sul MM IIa nel Palazzo di Festos.

Geraldine Cornelia Gesell, The Town Fresco of Thera: A reflection of Cretan topography.

Louis Godart, L'archivistica minoico-micenea.

Cyrus H. Gordon, New light on the Minoan language.

Ἀντώνης Ζώης, Βασιλικὴ Ἱεραπέτρας; ἀπολογισμὸς καὶ προοπτικὴ τῆς ἀνασκαφῆς [Vasiliki Ierapetras: an account and prospect of the excavation].

Vronwy Hankey, Stone vessels at Myrtos Pyrgos.

Stefan Hiller, Aspekte des Südpropylons im Palast von Knossos.

Sinclair Hood, Shaft grave swords: Mycenaean or Minoan?

Roger Howell, Knossos - the future.

Ἀθανασία Κάντα, Ἡ Ὑστερομινωικὴ III ἐποχὴ. Προβλήματα καὶ συμπεράσματα [The LM III period. Problems and conclusions].

Βάσος Καργιώργης, Τράπεζας προσφορῶν ἢ κέρνοι ἀπὸ τὴν Κύπρο [Tables of offerings or kernoi from Cyprus].

Ernst Kirsten, Artemis Diktynna.

Γεώργιος Στυλ. Κορρές, Παραστάσεις προσφορών ἱεροῦ πέπλου ἢ ἱερᾶς ἐσθῆτος καὶ τὰ περὶ αὐτὰς προβλήματα. Συναφῆ ἔργα [Representations of offerings of a sacred peplos or sacred clothing and their problems].

Robert Laffineur, Les pendants d'oreilles minoens en forme du bucrâne.

Κατερίνα Μαυριγιαννάκη, Οἱ πινακίδες τῆς σειρᾶς Τα τοῦ ἀνακτόρου τῆς Πύλου καὶ τὸ πρόβλημα τῶν τριποδικῶν λεβήτων [Tablets of the Ta series from Pylos and the problem of the tripod lebetes].

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Ora Negbi, A Canaanite figurine in Late Minoan Crete.

Wolf-Dietrich Niemeier, Das Problem der Palaststalkeramik von Knossos.

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Ingo Pini, Ein Beitrag zur chronologischen Ordnung der frühkretischen Glyptik.

Νικόλαος Πλάτων, Μεταλλευτικὸ καμίνι στὴ μυνωικὴ Ζάκρο [A metallurgical furnace at Minoan Zakro].

Leon Pomerance, The possible role of tomb robbers and viziers of the 18th Dynasty in confusing Minoan chronology.

Mervyn R. Popham, LM II-III early, Cretan sites in occupation.

M. J. Price, The beginnings of coinage in Crete.

Giovanni Pugliese Carratelli, Afrodite in Creta arcaica.

Giovanni Rizza, Gli scavi di Prinias nell' ultimo quadriennio.

Κωνσταντῖνος Ρωμαῖος, Ἀνάκτορο Κνωσοῦ. Ἡ τοιχογραφία μὲ τὰ δελφύνια στὸ μέγαρο τῆς βασίλισσας [The palace at Knossos. The fresco with dolphins in the Queen's Megaron].

Anna Sacconi, Alcune osservazione sul Φάναξ nelle tavolette in lineare B di Cnosso.

Ἐφη Σακελλαράκη, Οἱ τοιχογραφίες τῆς Θήρας καὶ ἡ θέση τους στὸν αἰγαιακὸ χῶρο [The frescoes of Thera and their place in the Aegean].

Γιάννης Σακελλαράκης, Πρῶτες χρονολογημένες ομάδες σφραγίδων ἀπὸ τοὺς θολωτοὺς τάφους τῶν Ἀρχανῶν [Early groups of seals from the tholos tombs of Archanes].

Ἄγνη Σακελλαρίου-Ξενάκη, Τὸ "μωσαϊκὸ τῆς πόλεως" καὶ οἱ μικρογραφικὲς τοιχογραφίες τῆς Θήρας [The "City mosaic" and the miniature frescoes of Thera].

- Fritz Schachermeyr, Die Keramik von Fröh, Mittel und Spät III C auf dem Festland, auf Kreta und in Kypros.
- Wolfgang Schiering, Landbegehungen im Bezirk Rethymnon.
- Joseph Shaw, Evidence for the Minoan Tripartite Shrine.
- 'Αλκμήνη Σταυρίδη, Ρωμαϊκὰ πορτραῖτα τοῦ Μουσείου Ἡρακλείου [Roman portraits of the Iraklion Museum].
- Luigia Achillea Stella, Importanza e significato della lista di etnici egei dal tempio di Amenophis III per la cronologia delle tavolette in L B di Cnosso.
- Robert Stieglitz, The letters of Kadmos: Mythology, archaeology and Eteocretan.
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- Frieda Vandenabeele, Les représentations de vases a l'époque du bronze.
- Henri Van Effenterre, Jalons pour une nouvelle histoire des premiers palais.
- Jon C. Van Leuven, Evidence for a divine family in prehistoric Aegean religion.
- Peter George Van Soesbergen, Thracian personal, ethnical and topographical names in the Bronze Age Linear A and B texts from Crete.
- Peter Michael Warren, Knossos and its foreign relations in the early Bronze Age.
- L. Vance Watrous, Ancient settlement in the plain of Lasithi.
- Ronald F. Willetts, Neotas and Neoi.

The following papers were offered, but eventually not presented.

- Keith Branigan, Early Minoan population in the Asterousia mountains.
- 'Αλεξάνδρα Ἰωαννίδου-Καρέτσου, Τὸ μινωικὸ ἱερὸ τοῦ Γιούκτα [Minoan sanctuary of Iuktas].
- Ἰωάννης Καμβύσης, Cnosia regna petamus: Γύρω στὸ τρίτο βιβλίο τῆς "Αἰνείδης" [On the third book of the Aeneid].
- Χρυσούλα Καρδαρά, Ὁ τάφος τοῦ Διὸς [The tomb of Zeus].
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- Maria Marinescu-Himu, Ἡ Κρήτη στὴν Περιήγηση τοῦ Πausανία [Crete in Pausanias' Periegesis].
- Adelina Piatkowski, La Crête à l'époque de Néron.
- Jacques Raison, Eloge d'Evans.
- Bogdan Rutkowski, Some problems of Minoan religion.

Since the note in March on the doubtful future of Nestor, I have received, either by letter or in person, many expressions of concern, and many others of approval for what Nestor has been. For these expressions I am indeed very grateful. In addition, I have received a number of inquiries from a number of excellent people about the possibility of continuing Nestor. All of these people are now involved in correspondence on this subject, and I think it very likely that out of this correspondence and out of further discussions there may come a proposal for the continuation of Nestor under a new editor, and from a new institution, perhaps even with new terms of subscription, or new contents, or

new format. And while I think it proper to interfere as little as possible in their plans for producing the scheme of a new and better Nestor, it seems to me that it might be a help in these discussions to have suggestions from the readers of particular improvements they should like to see in a fifth volume of Nestor. I invite your comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Il me paraît opportun de signaler dans ces notes deux éléments nouveaux dont j'ai eu connaissance depuis la publication de mes Cyprominoica (SIMA XXXI:2, 1975, p. 29 sqq.): ils complètent, chacun de manière différente, un essai de lecture qui a été présenté dans ce volume.

Tout d'abord, dans le domaine des écritures chypriotes, il m'a été possible de constater que le signe représentant la syllabe li en syllabaire paphien ancien (T. B. Mitford, *Studies in the Signaries of South Western Cyprus*, Londres, 1961, planche IV. Pour les traits communs entre le chyro-minoen 1 et le paphien ancien, E. Masson, *Actes du VI^e colloque international des études mycéniennes 1975*, sous presse.) possède la même structure que le caractère chyro-minoen pour lequel j'ai déduit la valeur li sur la tablette RS 20.25 de Ras Shamra: ce résultat était obtenu grâce aux éléments i-li, qui correspondrait au terme ougaritique il "dieu," et pa-li, qui vaudrait b^c1, ba^cal, "maître, seigneur" et nom divin en ougaritique. En outre, une séquence entière i-li-pa-li, attestée sur une boule d'arbile d'Enkomi, était interprétée à l'aide du théophore ougaritique bien connu ilb^c1.

D'autre part, des découvertes survenues entretemps dans un domaine extérieur aux écritures linéaires égéennes sont susceptibles d'apporter un argument en faveur de l'orthographe pa-li pour ba^cal (L'objection principale contre cette orthographe a été soulevée par A. Dupont-Sommer, CRAI 1973, p. 58-60, à cause de l'omission de la laryngale ^cayin.). Il s'agit de sceaux bigraphes, inscrits en hiéroglyphes hittites et en signes cunéiformes, trouvés sur le site de Meskene-Emar. Sur certains d'entre eux, on lit pour la première fois des noms sémitiques, rédigés en hiéroglyphes hittites, qui renferment l'élément ba^calu, bêlu, forme akkadienne qui équivaut sur ces sceaux au sumérien EN "seigneur." Or, il apparaît que cet élément est noté par pa-li: ainsi Dagan-ba^cañ "Dagan est mon seigneur," écrit ta-ga-pa-li, ou encore Bêlu-qarrad "le seigneur est héroïque," pa-lu-kara-da (Ces lectures ont été présentées par E. Laroche le 8 juillet 1976, à Birmingham, lors de la XXIII^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale; je le remercie pour des précisions complémentaires. Il convient de remarquer que ces empreintes de sceaux sont approximativement de la même époque que les documents chyro-minoens.). Il se révèle donc que les hiéroglyphes hittites, qui fonctionnent pour une grande part avec des procédés comparables à ceux des écritures linéaires égéennes, ont rendu la forme sémitique ba^cal de la même manière que les syllabaires chyro-minoens, à savoir sans notation de la laryngale ^cayin.

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Yours, &c.

Emilia Masson

To the Editor: - On a rather small basis, I am very busy in trying to find any connection between (Minoan) Linear A and pre-Hellenic words. Though the initial proceedings are not as encouraging as I hoped, I would gladly enter into an exchange of thoughts on the whole complex. If you are interested, please contact: A. Boskamp, Wesendorfer Strasse 6, D-1000 Berlin 26, Germany.
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Berlin

Yours, &c.
A. Boskamp

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COMMUNICATIONS

A Colloquium on Mycenaean Geography was organised by the British Association for Mycenaean Studies at Cambridge, England on 27-28 September 1976. Papers read include:

- J. Bintliff, "The history of Archaeo-Geographical studies in prehistoric Greece and recent fieldwork."
- O. Dickinson, "An Archaeological viewpoint."
- P. Halstead, "The Bronze Age in Thessaly."
- I. Hodder, "Geographical Techniques and the archaeologist."
- J. Chadwick, "The Interpretation of Mycenaean documents and the geography of the Pylos kingdom."
- J. T. Killen, "The Knossos texts and the geography of Mycenaean Crete."
- J. Cherry, "Statistics, computers and the Pylos texts."
- A. J. Chadwick, "Computer simulation of settlement development in Bronze Age Messenia."
- R. Hope-Simpson (read by O. Dickinson), "The problems of intensive and extensive surveys on Greece."
- D. Kendall led a discussion on the application of statistical and computer techniques to archives, with reference to his own work and the paper of J. Cherry.

A summary of the Colloquium was given by C. Renfrew.

It is intended to produce a small volume of Proceedings containing these papers and brief reports of the discussions. This will be available early in 1977 at the price of £1.50 including postage or for those not paying in sterling U.S. \$3.50 or its equivalent. Orders should be addressed to J. Chadwick, British Association for Mycenaean Studies, Laundress Lane Faculty Rooms, Cambridge, England.

Lectures presented to Classical Associations in 1972-1974 included:

- A. W. H. Adkins, "The Homeric poems and Mycenaean daily life" (Aberystwyth).
- B. M. Ackerley, "Atlantis, Fact or fiction?" (Teesside).
- W. G. Arnott, "Schliemann, Troy and Mycenae" (Lancaster & North Western, Leicestershire, Shropshire, Glasgow).
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- D. A. Hester, "Minos and Homer" (South Australia).
- G. S. Kirk, "Homer and the epic" (Aberystwyth).
- E. Rushworth, "Legend and archaeology in Mycenaean Greece" (Bangor & North Wales).

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B. B. Shefton, "Gold and ostentatious luxury among the Greeks" (Aberystwyth, Leicestershire).

F. H. Stubbings, "Kalliste, Thera, Santorini" (Cambridge & District).

Lord William Taylour, "New light on Mycenaean religion" (Manchester & District).

Miss K. B. Thompkins, "New light on the legend of Atlantis" (Manchester & District).

P. M. Warren, "The Minoan civilization: achievement and end" (Bangor & North Wales). [PCA 70 (1973), 71 (1974)]

The Ellaina Macnamara Memorial Scholarship for 1976-1977 has been awarded to Dottoressa E. Fabbriotti, with the subject, "The origin and distribution of local Geometric pottery in south Italy during the pre-colonial period." The Scholarship will be offered annually; information may be obtained from the Secretary, The Ellaina Macnamara Memorial Scholarship, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PP, England.

Papers presented at the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Southern Section, at Austin, 28-30 October 1976, include: John G. Younger, "The Mycenaeans at Knossos."

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation completed: Pierpaolo Dorsi, "Studi di toponomastica della Creta antica: gli oronimi" (Università di Trieste, Istituto di Linguistica, 1975-1976).

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - I have followed with interest the discussion on Mycenaean rations. However, Yves Duhoux's reference to the same rations being issued to Mycenaean adults and children suggests that it is high time to return to the primary evidence. Since 1956 (Documents in Mycenaean Greek, 157) we have known that a child got half of a woman's ration. In 1959 (Methodology in Linear B interpretations, Sprache 5) it was shown that a TA gets a woman's ration and a DA 2 1/2 times as much. Now the KN texts show that a DA is some kind of man distinct from a VIR, and this is consistent with the new TH evidence (J. T. Killen in TH II, 92). Here once again is the key question posed by me but still unanswered: how can John Chadwick justify his preference for three different explanations of DA (in personnel lists) at PY, KN, and TH? All else follows from the identification of DA as a male supervisor.

Now for the plausibility of the deduced ration scales. If parallels are sought, should we not ask where else we find dry capacity measurements showing a mixture of a decimal and a sexagesimal system? In 1961 (Linear B texts of economic interest, Innsbrucker Beiträge zur Kulturwissenschaft 7-8, 11-12)

attention was drawn to the great similarity between the Assyro-Babylonian and the Mycenaean ration scales. Expressed in terms of barley the figures for men:slaves:women:children are respectively Myc. 60:30:24:12, Babyl. 60:30:20:10. Of further interest (The interpretation of Mycenaean Greek texts (1963), 97-98) is the class of "strong men" (guruš) who get twice as much as a slave (these could be the equivalent of the DA). Children both of slaves and free workers get the same ration, but at Nuzi the child's ration varied according to age, either 20, 14, or 10. The Mycenaean distinction between "smaller" and "larger" children must have had some practical significance in the ration scales. The missing half child ration in KN Am 819 can be explained by supposing that the smaller children got half of the larger.

H. Lewy explained the ratios 30:1 and 60:1 within the system by the practical convenience of issuing a daily ration of 1 qu at monthly intervals. If V is the daily ration, i. e. functionally the equivalent of the later "choenix," this would explain its division into four "cups" (Z). Here is another key question likewise unanswered: is this ratio in the Mycenaean system involving the unit we have diagnosed as the "Khoinix" and its next lowest unit accidentally similar to the division of the khoinix into 4 kotylae? Finally, how else are we to explain the evident similarity between the Mycenaean and the Assyro-Babylonian systems? The arbitrary dismissal of the identity of the PY and KN DA in identical contexts and the no less arbitrary equation of a KN kowo with an adult leaves unexplained a fact of great historical significance.

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Yours, &c.
L. R. Palmer

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Neither Raison and Pope's nor Packard's reading of the Palaikastro Linear A tablet sounds very instructive.

Now, a key-point has obviously been ignored: the archaeological evidence of the Palaikastro excavations has taught us that this pleasant little town was a leading centre in toy-manufacturing in Minoan times, as many of the published objects in the Unpublished Objects (ABSA Suppl. 1) show.

If so, the tablet was certainly a page of a children's songbook, or a music-chest if you like, and the last line then would read:

ta. da. ra. ta. to. ba(m). ho(m).

One could even reconstruct the melody!

A.B.

COMMUNICATIONS

Papers to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, New York, 28-30 December, 1976, include: Jon-Christian Billigmeier, "Origin of the Greek word phoinix." Apostolos Athanassakis, "Heroic song: The epic and Kleftic ballad."

The Annual Meeting of the "Classici Lovanienses" of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven took place Saturday, 23 October 1976. The theme of the meeting was "Crete," and was reflected in the two lectures: Y. Duhoux, "La Crète minoenne: civilisation et écritures," and H. Verbruggen, "Kreta zonder zuilen." As a postscript, M. Duhoux asks that Nestor 1065, line 16, be corrected to read "daté de 1808," one century nearer the Mycenaeans.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Dans le débat sur les rations alimentaires mycéniennes, L. R. Palmer (Nestor, 1082-1083) a raison de demander que l'on revienne aux sources. Encore faut-il qu'elles soient correctement interprétées.

L'un des textes cruciaux en discussion est KN Am 819, où HORD 9 T 7 V 3 (= T 97 1/2 = Z 2340) est la ration mensuelle de 18 hommes et 8 enfants. Devant ce texte, Palmer raisonne comme suit (Interpretation, 96-97, 119; Nestor, 1004): à Pylos, la ration alimentaire des hommes est de GRA T 5; celle des enfants est de GRA T 1. Si les chiffres sont les mêmes à Cnossos qu'à Pylos, 18 hommes doivent recevoir 18 x T 5 = T 90, et les 8 enfants recevront 8 x T 1 = T 8. Total: T 98. Le total réel d'Am 819 est de T 97 1/2, ce qui est "correct within half a unit." La demi unité manquante s'explique alors, selon Palmer, par le fait que l'un des 8 enfants devait être tout petit, et ne recevoir qu'une demi ration.

Je trouve toujours gênant que, dans une démonstration chiffrée, le chiffre qui devrait prouver la validité d'une hypothèse soit différent de celui que l'on attend, car quelle valeur a, alors, la démonstration? Mais il y a autre chose. En KN Am 819, il est question d'orge, tandis que les rations alimentaires de Pylos sont comptées en blé. Or, on sait que les rations d'orge sont le double de celles de blé (Interpretation, 97). Il s'en suit que si les rations de Pylos valent pour Cnossos, les 18 hommes et les 8 enfants d'Am 819 doivent recevoir non pas HORD 9 T 7 V 3, mais deux fois plus: HORD 19 T 5, puisque chaque homme recevrait GRA T 5 = HORD T 10, et chaque enfant GRA T 1 = HORD T 2. Ce calcul semble avoir échappé à Palmer, qui a apparemment confondu, dans cette discussion, HORD (orge) et GRA (blé). Il s'en suit, malheureusement, que son interprétation ne peut être adoptée.

Il reste, alors, à comprendre le texte autrement. La seule voie possible (celle de D. A. Was, Nestor, 1031-1032 étant exclue, voir Nestor 1065) reste celle de Ventris et Chadwick, Documents, 59, qui ont montré que le total d'Am 819, HORD 9 T 7 V 3 = T 97 1/2 = Z 2340 est exactement divisible par

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le total des hommes (18) et des enfants (8): HORD Z 2340 : 26 = HORD Z 90 =
HORD T 3 V 4 Z 2 = HORD T 3 3/4.

Je reconnais que ce résultat est décevant si l'on attend que Cnossos ait les
mêmes chiffres que Pylos--et que tous deux, de plus, s'alignent sur les usages
mésopotamiens. Mais un fait vaut plus qu'un lord-maire.

Louvain

18 novembre 1976

Yours, &c.

Yves Duhoux

To the Editor: - Professor Palmer challenges me to answer his "key question"
about Mycenaean rations; but I fear it would take more space than the editor of
Nestor will allow me to go once more over the whole of this complicated argu-
ment. There are still many things I do not know about the subject; but I do not
wish my present silence to be interpreted as meaning that I accept all Professor
Palmer's arguments. I hope to return to it later when I can write at greater
length.

Cambridge

24 November 1976

Yours, &c.

John Chadwick

An editor who receives letters may have occasion to report that "the cor-
respondence is closed." I have generally preferred to moderate the corre-
spondence which provokes that sort of action by not rushing letters into print,
and, without thinking of it as a matter of policy, by not giving the target of
correspondence the advantage of receiving his copy of that correspondence
before the regular delivery of his copy of Nestor. It was recently suggested to
me that he ought to have that advantage, and I was persuaded to do so hereafter.
Therefore I did recently send proof sheets of the pages which provoked these
replies by air, before the issue was printed, with the caution that I was not
anxious to have immediate replies. Immediate replies came, nevertheless. I
print them now, not to accelerate the correspondence, but to fit these pages to
the calendar.

This section of Nestor was begun as a supplement to the section of communi-
cations, in the hope that items of news, discoveries, suggestions, and inquiries
for information might have a (relatively) prompt and informal publication. I
have not hesitated to accept letters that might seem to start or continue con-
troversy, since I preferred that such appear in these pages of limited, almost
familial, circulation of a few hundreds rather than in papers or journals of a
few thousands or millions. So I suppose that I shall continue to receive them,
if they are offered. But I suspect that the still hypothetical successors to this
office may refuse them, or even throw the baby out with the bathwater and
receive no letters.

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To sandy Pylos there came one day,
 The Dorians, with their burning way,
 To divest her of Nestor¹
 And sequester and pester,
 Leaving ashes colored Dorian Gray.

— L. C.

1. Sorry, but despite the loss of accuracy, somehow E-ke-ra₂-wo doesn't quite fit there!