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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to Nestor, Volume 5. It is clear from your enthusiastic response (for which we are most grateful) to the questionnaire sent out with the September issue that Nestor has made an important contribution to our field and therefore must be kept alive. We are happy to assume this responsibility and wish to take this opportunity to thank Emmett Bennett for the original idea and the twenty long years of care which he has devoted to Nestor. We only hope that we are able to maintain the scope, high standards, promptness and thoroughness of coverage which have characterized the pages of Nestor up to now.

It seems appropriate at this time to share some of the results of your responses to the questionnaire. They have been of great value and guidance to us in planning the future of Nestor. As you can see from this first issue, we have decided not to divide the bibliographical entries into categories apart from the isolation of reviews. We do expect, however, to have annual author and subject indexes at the end of each volume. Since Professor Bennett wished us to retain the established pagination, we have begun Volume 5 with page 1201. This volume and all subsequent volumes (each to be for a calendar year) will preserve a continuous pagination. You will also note that we are maintaining the "Work in Progress" section which the vast majority of you agreed has been a valuable part of Nestor. We have decided to modify slightly the "Correspondence" section, which will henceforth be known as the "Forum." Readers' correspondence on the subjects of Aegean scripts, linguistics, archaeology and related matters will continue to be welcome, but space is of course limited. Concise communications which are not overly technical and are concerned with topics of interest to a broad spectrum of Nestor readers stand the best chance of being printed. We must reserve the right to select and edit letters as necessary. We hope that this section will facilitate the informal exchange of news, ideas and opinions among a wide range of Aegean specialists. At the same time, since most of you have not objected to reducing the number of issues per year, we have decided to omit the June, July and August mailings. This means that you will receive only nine issues per year; please understand, however, that this will have no effect on the thoroughness of our coverage. Note also that, in response to widespread indifference on the subject, we have chosen not to punch holes in each page. We hope that you will not find these and other minor changes distracting, and we will of course continue to welcome your observations about format at any time.

Another matter deserves mention at this time. We were pleased to learn that nearly all of you are willing to pay a modest subscription rate for Nestor. Nevertheless, we have decided that it would be inappropriate to begin that procedure at once. Therefore it is our intention to charge \$2.50 per volume beginning with Volume 6 (1979). We

hope that the anticipated income will be enough to keep us afloat. Institutional subscriptions will continue to be \$5.00 per year. We wish to express our appreciation to Indiana University for providing support for this transitional year.

Finally, we would like to recognize and express our appreciation for the considerable help we are getting with the problems of transferring Nestor from Wisconsin to Indiana. Mr. J.M. Wickens and Mr. D.J. Pullen of our Program in Classical Archaeology are serving as Assistant Editor and Editorial Assistant, respectively, for the current academic year, and Ms. Mary Pat Lynch will be typing the manuscripts. It should be clear to you that we expect the production of Nestor to be a "team" effort and toward that end we have asked for and have received the help of a number of experts in the broad field of Aegean studies, the names of whom are listed below. They have agreed to keep us advised of items of interest in their fields and geographical areas, and we look forward to their continued assistance and guidance.

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A final note. With the transfer of Nestor, the old mailing list had to be edited to conform to our equipment's capabilities. As a result, some addresses may have been shortened so as to be incorrect. Please let us know if your address is incorrect in any way and always include your postal zone (ZIP) code when corresponding with us in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS

It is with very great regret that we learned of the recent untimely death of Demetrios R. Theochares, Professor of Art History at the University of Thessaloniki. Professor Theochares was the excavator of

Sesklo and author of numerous publications on Greek prehistory including the important volume, Neolithic Greece, published in Athens in 1973. A tribute to Professor Theochares by some of his friends and colleagues was held at the National Museum in Athens on December 14, 1977.

Announcement of annual grants from the Dr. M. Aylwin Cotton Foundation: The purpose of this Foundation is to promote the advancement of education and learning by furthering the study of archaeology, architecture, history, language and art of the Mediterranean. This is to be interpreted as pertaining to cultures related to the Mediterranean, but without geographical limitations.

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Applications for 1978-1979 should be made by March 31, 1978 to the Honorary Secretary. Selections will be made during May and the award for (1) will be paid quarterly starting September 1, 1978.

For (1) above, an outline of the proposed subject should be submitted, together with the names of two referees of academic level (other than for applications from Senior Dons), who support the project. For (2) above, a brief account of the subject of the publication, and where it is hoped that it will be published, should be given.

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Recent public lectures in Athens: George Mylonas, "Mycenaean Religion" (in Greek), at the Greek Archaeological Society, November 23, 1977; Paul Åström, "Swedish Excavations at Hala Sultan Tekke," at the Philosophical School, University of Athens, November 28, 1977; Reynold Higgins, "The Aegina Treasure Reconsidered," seminar at the British School of Archaeology, December 5, 1977; Christos Doumas, "Excavations on Thera" (in Greek), at the National Museum, December 7, 1977; William Cavanaugh, "Secondary Burials (i.e. funerals) in Mycenaean Tombs," seminar at the British School of Archaeology, December 12, 1977.

Some of the readers of Nestor will surely be interested to know that papers read at the XXIII Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale held in Birmingham, England in 1976 have been published in the spring

and autumn issues of Iraq 29 (1977). These papers are on the general subject of trade and include contributions such as "The Importance of Trade" (W.F. Leemans), "The Copper Ox-Hide Ingots and the Bronze Age Metal Trade" (J.D. Muhly), "An Ugaritic Letter to Amenophis III Concerning Trade with Alasiya" (E. Lipinski), to name only a few titles. The British School of Archaeology in Iraq reports that these papers are also available as a separate volume under the title Trade in the Ancient Near East (British School of Archaeology in Iraq Publications: 1977. 231p. £10.00, U.S.\$20.00).

FORUM

To the Editors:

An essential correction to my letter of 30 Sept. 1977 (Nestor 1167-8): as van Leuven has correctly pointed out in a personal communication, Chadwick (Nestor 923) did NOT speak of 28.8 kg/liter; he mentioned a volume of 28.8 liters. Only if based upon the mass of fresh water would this unit of volume have weighed 1 kg/liter. I was too fast in making (false) conclusions.

On another matter: If we accept the Minoan foot calculated by Graham as the standard unit of length, and if the pithos from Zakros did indeed contain 32 units of a certain capacity, which is likely (see Platon, Inscribed Tablets etc., p. 82), then the volume of the latter lay somewhere between 15.46 and 19.29 dm³. If we divide Graham's foot into 12 inches (on analogy, for instance, with the English system), the cube of 10 Minoan inches, or 5/6 of the foot, would thus contain ca. 16.2 dm³. Multiplying this theoretical unit by 32 yields a capacity of ca. 518.4 dm³ for the large pithos (see van Leuven, Nestor 1116), well within the calculated limits of 556 dm³ ± 11%, the capacity of that vessel.

This is, admittedly, just another hypothesis. The question is: Who is going to make up his mind to search for fractions of the Minoan foot?

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14 Nov. 1977

To the Editors:

Further to my note on Minoan measures (Nestor 1139), I would like to add some comments with respect to the cadastral units. Duhoux (Kadmos 1974:27-38) established the DA unit at approximately 48 ares. Such an area required 90 khoinikes (of 0.9 liters) of wheatseed and an aroura, 50 such units (Kadmos 1977:26-35), or one talent (Kadmos 1973: 134-48). The Egyptian aroura measured 100 "royal" cubits square and is given as 2735 m² by Gardiner (Egyptian Grammar:200) and, for the Greek equivalent, as 2756 m² by Chantraine (Kleine Pauly II [1968]: 559), the respective sizes of the "royal" cubits being 52.3 and 52.5 cm. Using these values, the DA unit would measure 49.23 and 49.61 ares respectively, close to the value proposed by Duhoux. With a size of ca. 52.4 cm. (Petrie, Enc. Brit. 23:488H) the DA is found at 49.38 ares.

The HT cubit basic to the capacity of the Minoan medimnos measured only 47.62 cm. (close to the classic units), but would give a DA of 40.62 ares only. It follows that both the Minoan and the Mycenaean civilizations used two kinds of measures, the "royal" cubit, 10% larger, and the common cubit which, if 1 1/2 feet discloses the latter, as ca. 31.75 cm. It should be appreciated that the latter is not evidenced but merely taken, on the classic pattern, as 2/3 of the common cubit. Likely the Pylos foot of 31.88 cm. was used instead, as the cubic thereof corresponds to the HT metretes.

The various cadastral units evidenced were:

One Minoan medimnos of seed	= 2.4 aroura	= 24000 square "royal" cubits
" Mycenaean "	" " "	= 2 " = 20000 " " "
" DA "	" " "	= 1.8 " = 18000 " " "
" aroura		= 10000 " " "

Very significantly, at Pylos, small plots were measured in multiples of 1/18 DA, or in units of 1000 square "royal" cubits. In addition, there were very small plots of 1/54 DA or twice that size. The first corresponds to an area of 30 feet square (Pylos foot of 31.88 cm.), which would set the "royal" cubit at ca. 52.38 cm., exactly 10% larger than the common cubit. The DA would, on that basis, measure 49.39 ares, the aroura 27.44 ares.

Resuming, there appear to have been the following standard measures:

The "royal" cubit	= 52.38 cm.	= 1.1 common cubit
the common cubit	= 47.62 cm.	
the Pylos foot	= 31.88 cm.	
the building foot	= ca. 32.6 cm.	
the metretes	= one cubic Pylos foot	= 32.4 liters
the medimnos	= one cubic common cubit	= 108 liters
the aroura	= 100 "royal" cubits square	= 27.44 ares
the DA	= 1.8 aroura	

The Mycenaean units of capacity were 5/6 of the Minoan values.

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WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertations in progress: Barbara J. Hayden, "Cretan Architecture, LM IIIA-Archaic" (University of Pennsylvania); John C. McEnroe, "Minoan House and Town Arrangement" (University of Toronto); Curtis N. Runnels, "A Diachronic Study of the Human Utilization of Certain Volcanic Rocks in the Argolid, Greece" (Indiana University); Lauren E. Talalay, "Anthropomorphic and Zoomorphic Figures in Central and Southern Greece during Neolithic Times" (Indiana University); Jere M. Wickens, "Human Use of Caves in Attica and the Megarid, Greece, from Prehistoric through Byzantine Times" (Indiana University).

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Public lectures of interest: Professor Philip Betancourt discussed critical differences between LM Ia and LM Ib, with particular reference to material from Thera, at the New York Bronze Age Colloquium, February 15, 1978, and Professor Spyridon Iakovidis gave a lecture, "The Citadel of Mycenae after a Century of Research," at the University of Cincinnati, February 17, 1978.

Paper read at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, 1977: Nicki Harper and Tom Rindflesch (Department of Linguistics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455), "Graphemic Analysis and the Genetic Classification of Languages." "In trying to recover the language underlying the Minoan Linear A corpus, we have attempted to formulate a method of determining the genetic relationship of a language when texts written in that language cannot be read."

A symposium entitled "Deforestation, Erosion and Ecology in the Ancient Mediterranean and Middle East" has been organized by Robert K. Evans and Theodore Wertime and has been scheduled for April 19, 1978 (9 AM - 5 PM) at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. The participants and their papers: "Afforestation and Domestication in the Zagros" (Brian Hesse), "Dendrochronology and the Shift from Afforestation to Deforestation" (Peter Kuniholm), "The Uses of Wood in the Ancient Mediterranean" (James D. Muhly), "Prime Culprit: The Pyrotechnologic Furnace or the Goat?" (Theodore Wertime), "Deforestation in the Lower Danube" (Ruth Tringham), "Erosion in Melos and the Question of the Younger Fill" (Colin Renfrew), "The General Picture of Erosion in the Mediterranean Area" (John Kraft), "Erosion in the Dinaric Alps" (Eugene Sterud), "How the Ancients Viewed Deforestation" (J. Donald Hughes),

"The Ethnographic View of Land Management" (Harold Koster and Hamish Forbes), and "Summary" (Erik Eckholm).

The Smithsonian Institution and the National Bureau of Standards are jointly sponsoring a symposium on "Obsidian Characterization and Trading Systems in Prehistory" to be held April 20, 1978, at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The confirmed participants include: Frank Asaro, James Blackman, J. E. Dixon, Jon Erickson, Isadore Perlman, Colin Renfrew, Michael Spence, and Stanley Warren. Further information is available from James Blackman, Conservation-Analytical Lab, Smithsonian Institution, Museum of History and Technology, Washington, D. C. 20560.

Professor Colin Renfrew, University of Southampton, will give a colloquium on April 21, 1978, at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The colloquium is entitled "Impact of Radio-Carbon Dating on Old World Archaeology" and will be held in the Green Auditorium at 10 AM.

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FINAL NOTE

Indiana University and its facilities will be closed for three weeks in March owing to an energy shortage. This may make it impossible for us to publish our March issue. A combined March-April issue will follow. Please accept our apologies.

COMMUNICATIONS

It is with very great regret that we must announce the untimely death of Vladimir Miložić (7 Feb 1918 - 19 Feb 1978), Professor of Ur- and Frühgeschichte at the University of Heidelberg since 1955. Born in Zagreb, Professor Miložić studied prehistory, classical archaeology and ancient history, receiving his Ph.D. with honors from the University of Vienna in 1944. Most of his research concentrated upon the early periods of Greece, especially Thessaly, and of Southeastern Europe, but he was also active in the field of early medieval archaeology.

Recent public lectures in Athens: Gösta Säflund, "Plain Ware Kylikes at Ano Englianos," at the Swedish Institute, February 3; Open Meeting at the British School with Christopher Mee, Assistant Director, reporting on the work of the School in 1976-1977: Ayios Stephanos (MH apsidal building), Assiros, Macedonia (imported and local Myc. III B and C pottery), Menelaion (Myc. pottery), Phylakopi (Myc. shrines with male and female terracotta statuettes and bronze Resef figurine; complex destroyed ca. 1120 and site abandoned ca. 1090 B. C.); Mrs. Glynis Jones, "Seeds and Weeds," seminar at British School, February 13 (carbonized plant remains from Assiros).

Mycenaean Seminar, Institute of Classical Studies, London: R. A. Higgins, "Aegina Treasure," January 18; Gordon Hillman, "Mycenaean Grain," February 8; J. H. Crowel, "Mycenaean Chariots," March 15; C. Podzuweit, "Recent Excavations at Tiryns," May 10.

FORUM

To the Editors:

During a recent visit to Crete I had the opportunity to inspect the inscription of the famous wine pithos from Zakros (see Nestor:921) in the Archaeological Museum, Herakleion. The uncertainty about the amount of units of volume (i.e., 22 or 32) which had been puzzling me (and certainly others) while studying the photo in Platon-Brice, Inscribed Tablets...(p. 82) has now vanished. In my opinion the Minoan scribe wrote 22 units as the capacity of the pot; the confusion in the "tens" group obviously was caused by a piece of grit in the wall of the vessel. As I have not been permitted to measure this pithos or the others from Zakros which appear to be approximately the same size, I cannot present any fresh calculations. Stronk (Nestor:922) calculated the capacity of the inscribed pithos at 556 liters + 11%. The volume of 22 cubic Minoan feet based upon Graham's calculated foot length of 30.36 cm is 615.64 dm³, which falls within the margin allowed by Stronk (556 + 10.73%).

I cannot concur with another Nestor reader that "...the important point is not what kind of foot was used to create a cubic foot unit of volume, but the plain fact (if it can be proven) that SOME kind of foot (or feet) was so used."

In my opinion one single foot MUST have been the basis for the whole system. At present I am investigating the possibility -- with some quite interesting and encouraging prospects -- that the entire system of Minoan weights and measures was based on the Minoan foot calculated by Graham. I invite those interested to correspond with me on this matter.

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Yours, &c.
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22 March 1978

WORK IN PROGRESS

David Frankel, British Museum, "Catalogue of Early and Middle Cypriot Bronze Age Material in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford;" Halford W. Haskell, "The Coarse Ware Stirrup Jars of Crete and the Cyclades" (dissertation, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill); James C. Wright, "Mycenaean Masonry and Elements of Construction" (dissertation, Bryn Mawr College, March 1978, copy on file at American School in Athens and Bryn Mawr).

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COMMUNICATIONS

We would like to remind you that this will be the last issue of Nestor until September. Have a most pleasant and productive summer - perhaps we will see you in Greece.

From Calculi (March, 1978) 289-290: Among the papers presented at a conference on "Computer Applications in Archaeology 1978" held in Birmingham, England in January was the following: Richard R. Mertz and George Levenbach, "An Information Theory Application to Mycenaean Pottery," which used an adaptation of the data of Furumark to group pottery. About thirty percent of the information relating to dating is lost if data are dropped or grouped from the sites which produce the least (ten percent) data. Information about the proceedings of this conference may be obtained from Susan Laflin, Computer Centre, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, England.

Athens News (Wednesday, April 19, 1978): "Excavations Unearth Golden Artifacts from 15th Century B.C." Eight golden ornaments, "probably worn on belts," found in association with a new tomb near Peristeria in Triphylia. "A burned sword - presumably so that it would not be used again - was also discovered under a skeleton, together with amphorae and other objects, in the Peristeria tomb."

Recent public lectures in Athens: Professor George S. Korres, "Recent Excavations at Peristeria," February 24 and April 13; Professor Emilio Peruzzi, "Cultural Aspects of Primitive Latium," April 14 and "The Mycenaean in the Culture of Primitive Latium," April 17; Professor Hans-Günter Buchholz, "The Mycenaean in the Eastern Mediterranean," April 10; and John Sakellarakis gave a memorial lecture on the work of Dimitrios Theochares at the Archaeological Society on April 18.

Mrs. Immerwahr reports the discovery of two Mycenaean chamber tombs about 2.5 km. SE of Monastiraki south of Mycenae. Their contents, except for the bones, are now in the Nauplion Museum.

FORUM

To the Editors:

Volume XX of Studies in Mycenaean Inscriptions and Dialect, covering 1974-1975, is now available from the London Institute of Classical Studies (31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY), price £2 plus postage. The publication of subsequent volumes in the series, which will be compiled by the same team and will have the same format as previously, has been undertaken by the British Association for Mycenaean Studies. It is expected that vol. XXI, covering 1976,

will appear in the course of the coming summer. The price on publication will be £3.50 (overseas \$7) post free; but there is a special reduced price for advance subscribers of £2.50 (overseas \$5) post free. Those wishing to obtain a copy at the reduced rate should send a cheque/money order for £2.50/\$5 to the British Association for Mycenaean Studies, Laundress Lane Faculty Rooms, Cambridge CB2 1SD, England, before 1 June 1978. The publishers regret that it will no longer be possible to offer complimentary copies of Studies.

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This is what happens when there are no summer issues of Nestor! The September issue alone should keep you busy for most of the autumn.

We would like to remind you of the implementation of new subscription rates beginning with volume 6:1 in January. Enclosed herewith is a form which requests your intention to receive Nestor on that basis. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Institutions will be invoiced separately.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our assistants, Messrs. J.M. Wickens and D.J. Pullen, for their considerable help in preparing the first five issues of volume 5. Mr. Pullen will continue this year as Assistant Editor and Mr. Fritz Hemans of our Classical Archaeology Program has joined us as Editorial Assistant. Ms. Ann Kopp will be typing the manuscripts.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the board of Editorial Consultants who have been extremely good about keeping us informed of newsworthy activities throughout the world. Their names are listed below.

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COMMUNICATIONS

An exhibition, "Von Troja bis Amarna," was held at the Aegyptisches Museum, Berlin, from March 18 to May 28 and at the Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, from June 24 to September 3, 1978.

An international symposium on "Thracian History and Culture" will be held in Plovdiv at the National Archaeological Museum (Prehistoric Department) between October 4 and October 18, 1978. We are told that, among others, Mr. István Ecsedy will report on "Steppic and Aegean components of the Early Bronze Age in Southeastern Europe."

The Department of Classics of the University of Cincinnati will be holding a symposium on March 15-17, 1979, on "The End of the Early Bronze Age in the Aegean." The speakers will include Sinclair Hood, Machteld J. Mellink, Anna Morpurgo Davies, Michael Sakellariou, Martha H. Wiencke, John L. Caskey and Gerald Cadogan. For further details contact the secretary, Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221.

We regret to note the deaths of our distinguished colleagues, Sir Denys Page (1908-1978) and Vincent R. D'A. Desborough (1914-1978). Their obituaries appeared in The Times (London), Monday, 10 July 1978: 14 and Friday, 14 July 1978: 18; Tuesday, 1 August 1978: 16.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertations in progress: Vicky A. Walsh, "House Construction: A Subsystem in the Culture of the Greek Late Bronze and Dark Ages" (University of Minnesota); Alison B. Baillie, "Neolithic Figurines of Northern Greece (E. and W. Macedonia)", Emily J. Clarke, "Aegean Bronze Age Female Dress", Olga Krzyszkowska, "Bone and Ivory Industries of the Aegean Bronze Age: a Technological Study", and C. Holley Martlew, "Domestic pottery in the Bronze Age civilization of Crete" (all from the University of Bristol).

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An article in Ta Nea (Athens), 29 September 1978, reports the discovery of a Mycenaean palace at Koukounaria on the island of Paros. According to the report of the excavator, Professor D. Schilardi of Ottawa, the site is dated to the end of the 13th and the beginning of the 12th centuries B.C.

A symposium on the prehistoric archaeology of the Cycladic Islands will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Dec. 28-30, 1978, in Vancouver, B.C. The following papers will be read:

"The Significance of the Cycladic Early Bronze Age: From Life Among the Insular Greeks to 'The Multiplier Effect' and Beyond", by R.K. Evans; "Chronological and Other Divisions of the Early Cycladic Period: A Critical Appraisal", by J.E. Coleman; "Minoans in the Cyclades: Some Environmental Considerations", by J.L. Davis; "New Perspectives on Prehistoric Settlement Change in the Cyclades", by J.F. Cherry; "An Economic Analysis of the Cycladic Obsidian Industry", by R. Torrence; "Consistency and Diversity in the Middle Cycladic Era", by J.C. and G.F. Overbeck; "Bronze Age Trade in the Cyclades: The Metrological Evidence", by K.M. Petruso; "Late Bronze Age Architecture at Ayia Irini, Keos", by W.W. Cummer; and "The Last Major Glyptic Workshop of the Aegean Bronze Age", by J.G. Younger. For further information, contact Professor J.L. Davis, Department of Classics, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

There will be a conference on "Computer Applications in Archaeology" at the University of Birmingham, England, on March 24-25, 1979. Details can be secured by writing Ms. Susan Laflin, Computer Centre, University of Birmingham, Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT.

A symposium on "Archaeometry and Archaeological Prospection" will be held in London on March 28-31, 1979. Further information about participation and abstracts of papers can be obtained by writing to the Symposium Secretary, British Museum Research Laboratory, London WC1B 3DG.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The schedule for this year's Mycenaean Seminars at the Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, is as follows: J.G. Younger, "The Mycenae-Vapheio Lion Master", October 11; R.S. Merrillees, "An essay in provenance: the Late Minoan IB pottery from Egypt", November 15; J.D. Muhly, "Possible sources of tin for the Bronze Age Aegean", December 6; M.S.F. Hood and Rachel Maxwell-Hyslop, "Dating Troy II", January 17; J.T. Killen, "The linear B tablets and economic history: some problems", February 21; A.C. Renfrew, "Phylakopi and questions of Mycenaean cult", March 21; Emilia Masson, title to be announced, May 16 (to be confirmed).

The Temple University Aegean Symposium 4 will be held on Friday, March 2, 1979, in Walk Auditorium, Ritter Hall, Temple University, Philadelphia. The theme will be "Gournia, Crete - the 75th Anniversary of the Excavations." For more information write to P.P. Betancourt, Department of Art History, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., 19122, U.S.A.

News items from Athens (Ta Nea): 1) excavations by Mrs. Evangelia Deīlaki at Dendra in the Argolid have produced two groups of interesting finds: a) a group of four well preserved horse skeletons near Mycenaean tombs but which are thought to pre-date those tombs, and b) in the same general vicinity, traces of what is said to be a Neolithic settlement of small pit-huts without evidence of pottery (9 July); 2) more discoveries in the L.M. (1400-1250 B.C.) cemetery at Armenoi, near Rethymnon in Crete. Some 120 tombs have already been opened by I. Tzedakis and more are expected upon further excavation (24 August); and 3) a treasure of 24 pieces of jewelry of gold and precious stones was uncovered in the district of Alikī, near Larnaka in Cyprus. It has been dated to about 1500 B.C. (1 September).

FORUM

To the Editors:

As the person in charge of the storage of material from and the sizable archives of a major site, I have become gradually more disturbed by the prevailing situation regarding scientific sampling and I would like to raise the issue for discussion among the readers of Nestor.

It has been the standard policy of the Mycenae excavation to allow samples for analysis to any reputable project which gained the necessary permission from the Greek Archaeological Service. Our three provisos have been that we make the arrangements for the collection of the samples, that we issue their documentation, and that we are informed of the results

of the work done (the same conditions have also been applied to units of material allowed to other scholars for inclusion in theses, etc.).

Unfortunately various snags have occurred on the sampling side. First: "Backdoor" access has been gained to the storerooms. This has resulted both in loss of material (e.g., several inscribed Linear B stirrup jar sherds have been misplaced and cannot now be found), and in totally erroneous documentation (e.g., one of Perlman's LHI-II samples (The Mycenaeans in the Eastern Mediterranean, pg. 214) is, in fact, EHIII). Secondly: The name of the site is being used with apparent authority for samples which do not meet the strict rules of collection. Until summer 1978, NO sherds from Mycenae, stratified or not, have ever been taken for testing with the permission and cooperation of those currently working on the material. In general, surface sherds in museum or study collections have been used and have been dated and authenticated by widely differing authorities. Thirdly: The multiplicity of sampling programs is beginning to put a heavy administrative burden on those who are asked to supply suitably documented samples.

I understand that some discussion of the problems of sampling programs from the point of view of the scientist took place during the Thera Conference this past summer. I myself would like to see at the very least a central register of such programs so that duplication can be avoided, and information pooled.

I would welcome any other ideas or comments.

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WORK IN PROGRESS

Dan E. McCaslin, "Stone Anchors in Antiquity: Late Bronze Age Trade and Maritime Trade-Routes in the Eastern Mediterranean" (University of California at Santa Barbara, dissertation).

From "Works in Progress" in the Agricultural History Review 26:2 (1978) pp. 115f.: J.I.G. Csizmarik, "Diffusion of Barley and Similar Crops in Prehistoric Times"; B. Noddle, "Analysis of Domestic Animal Bones from Archaeological Sites of All Periods, with Emphasis upon Sheep."

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FROM THE EDITORS

You will note that this mailing contains, in addition to the final issue of this year, an index for Volume 5, 1978. Given the prohibitive costs of producing and mailing something more substantial, we have been forced to confine it to an index nominum and hope that you will find it of use. We will of course welcome your reactions to it.

In response to a few inquiries from abroad, we are prepared to send Nestor to all foreign subscribers by air post. If you wish to receive future copies in this fashion, your subscription rates must be adjusted as follows: add \$6.00 to all foreign subscriptions (thus a total of \$10.00) and \$1.00 for first class postage to Canada (thus a total of \$5.00). We regret that postage rates continue to go up and our university is unable to subsidize these increases.

COMMUNICATIONS

We regret to report the death of Father V.E.G. Kenna on 8 August. A brief obituary appeared in The Times (London), 13 August 1978.

An international symposium, "Die minoische und helladische Glyptik: Probleme der Chronologie, der Typologie, des Stils und der Echtheit," was held in Marburg on 27-29 September. The contributions included papers by G. Walberg, W.-D. Niemeier, A. Sakellariou, A. Tamvaki, J.-C. Poursat, J.H. Betts, E. Thomas, J.G. Younger, M. Heath-Wiencke, W. Schiering, M. van Effenterre, H. van Effenterre, J.-P. Olivier, A. Onassoglou, I. Pini, M.V. Gill, P. Yule, I. Sakellarakis, and G. Burgfeld.

M. Yves Duhoux read a paper "Identification de langues anciennes non déchiffrées: la langue de l'écriture crétoise linéaire A," at the Institut de Linguistique, Louvain, on 8 November.

The Newsletter of The American School of Classical Studies at Athens (Fall, 1978) included brief reports by the excavators of their current work at Kommos in Crete (J.W. Shaw), Ayia Irini on Kea (J.L. Caskey) and Franchthi Cave in the Argolid (T.W. Jacobsen).

The Archaeological Institute of America, Duke University and The University of North Carolina have announced a symposium, "The Archaeology of Trade in the East Mediterranean," to be held 23-24 February, 1979. Speakers will include M. Hammond, J. van Seters, T.W. Jacobsen, G. Bass, P.C. Weigand, M. Raschke, R. Hanson, J. Younger, G. Newby, K. Sams, and C. Koehler. Information and registration materials can be procured by writing Mr. William N. Dale, 813 Churchill Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, U.S.A. 27514.

FORUM

Dear Ms. French:

Your letter to NESTOR (5:8 pp. 1281-2) regarding scientific samples and analysis is of great importance to all interested in establishing procedures as well as respecting the requirements of countries hosting archaeological expeditions. May I refer you to the note "Ownership and disposition of samples from museum specimens" (M.J. Becker, Journal of Field Archaeology 4 (1977) 127-129) which deals with one aspect of the problem which you describe. Although my own interest has been in the analysis of stone materials often used for artifacts the problems of sampling and analysis are much the same as with ceramic studies using the same techniques.

Your three provisos are absolutely essential in all such sampling-analytical work. Although my success with stone samples has not been notable as of this date, the procedures are in line with those which you call for. May I lend my support to your petition for the creation of a central register of all such programs.

Professor of Anthropology
West Chester State College

Yours, &c.
Marshall J. Becker

WORK IN PROGRESSTHE CAMBRIDGE/BRADFORD BOEOTIAN EXPEDITION

In July, 1978, with the kind permission of the Ministry of Culture and Sciences and the cordial co-operation of the Ephorate of Antiquities for Boeotia, a preliminary reconnaissance was undertaken for a survey which, it is hoped, will be conducted over the next few years in an area of south-western Boeotia some 750 square kilometres in extent. The area reaches from Lake Kopais in the north to the coast of the Gulf of Corinth (and the Attic frontier along the ridge of Kithaeron) in the south; its eastern boundary will probably run from Lake Hyliki down to near Plataia, passing west of (i.e. excluding) Thebes, its western boundary from Kopais over Helikon to the sea west of Thisbe.

The 1978 reconnaissance was conducted by Anthony Snodgrass (Cambridge) and John Bintliff (Bradford) (co-Directors), with the help of Cliff and Vivien Slaughter (anthropologists, Bradford) and John Spray (geologist, Cambridge). It covered the whole of Boeotia, preparatory to the selection of the smaller area described above for close study. Some 75 ancient sites, of all periods from Palaeolithic to Turkish, were visited, several of them not previously known (or at any rate not recorded).

In future seasons, we hope to have the assistance of a multi-disciplinary team, which will include Jeremy B. Rutter of Dartmouth

College and Timothy E. Gregory of Ohio State University. We hope to study all sites of all periods, their territories and hierarchy, as well as investigating the evolution of the landscape and changes in the usage of raw materials. We aim to use a wide range of techniques, many of them pioneered in similar contexts by the University of Minnesota Messenia Expedition and the Argolid Exploration Project.

Our preliminary findings confirm that this, the homeland of Hesiod and the setting of some of the most decisive military campaigns in Greek history, is an area outstandingly rich in historical interest. It also offers a good setting for the study of that neglected aspect of Greek history, land-usage and agriculture. We have come across some startling illustrations of continuity, one of which may be particularly savoured by readers of Nestor: a source in the Agricultural Police informed us that there was one village in our region which had become especially notorious to him and his colleagues, because of its discontented and litigious farmers - Askra.

A.M. Snodgrass

J.L. Bintliff

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