

COMMUNICATIONS

The Third International Colloquium for Mycenaean Studies at "Wingspread" in September, 1961, adopted resolutions calling for the re-examination, revision, and publication of revised versions of the recommended transcription of the phonetic signs of the Mycenaean script, of the recommended transcription of its ideographic signs, and of the canon for the use of the signs of the critical apparatus. It was resolved also to call the result the "Wingspread Convention."

The modification to the table of phonetic signs are few. The committee considered the many proposals for values for signs still numbered, considered ways to eliminate subscript numerals or to replace the single anomalous case of transcription of a single sign by two consecutive vowels. They considered the feasibility of scripta continua (arekuturuwo) in place of the present practice of hyphenated transcription (a-re-ku-tu-ru-wo). They considered the possible elimination of some numbered signs as merely graphic variants of others. Their final decision was conservative. They hoped by moderate changes from the practice of recent publications to incorporate the most generally accepted new values, in a transcription which, they would emphasize, is a conventional transcription of a script whose phonetic, phonemic, or other relations to the spoken language it represented can only with difficulty be determined, and will probably be under discussion at all times within the foreseeable future.

The chief modification recommended for the transcription of the ideographic signs is that the conventional transcription be expressed in Latin. This conventional transcription, to be based on a proposal of C. Gallavotti, is still under discussion. It was also recommended that for the metrical signs, single letter codes be substituted for the accepted DM, QT, LB, &c., and that for the other ideograms a set of abbreviations be made standard, for use where the compression of the text is desirable. The details of the transcription to be proposed are still under discussion, but it is hoped that some part of the committee's recommendation may be ready for inclusion in the next issue of Nestor.

The modifications recommended for the apparatus criticus will be fewer in respect to the statement published in 1954 by Michael Ventris (Mycenaean Epigraphy. Suggested Code of Practice, Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies, University of London 1 [1954] 3-10) and more in respect to practice. This too will appear as soon as possible in these pages.

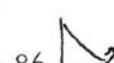
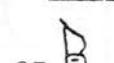
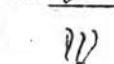
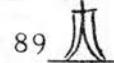
The tableaux which follow are arranged in what it is hoped will be convenient forms. The designs of the signs of the Linear B script used here deserve notice. They are, as far as possible, exact imitations of signs actually traced on the tablets, and within each table the signs are drawn from the repertory of a single hand, supplemented with reasonable forms only when a sign is not represented in the single scribe's work. The forms in editio a follow a hand from Pylos, of class III, those in editio b a hand from Knossos, and those in editio c a hand from Pylos, of class I.

SYLLABARII MYCENAEI TRANSCRIPTIO

a Tertio Colloquio Internationali Studiorum Mycenaeorum
in 'Wingspread' convocato
editoribus commentatoribusque commendata

 01 da	 16 qa	 31 sa	 46 je	 61 o	 76 ra ₂
 02 ro	 17 za	 32 qo	 47	 62 pte	 77 ka
 03 pa	 18	 33 ra ₃	 48 nwa	 63	 78 qe
 04 te	 19	 34	 49	 64	 79
 05 to	 20 zo	 35	 50 pu	 65	 80 ma
 06 na	 21 qi	 36 jo	 51 du	 66 ta ₂	 81 ku
 07 di	 22	 37 ti	 52 no	 67 ki	 82
 08 a	 23 mu	 38 e	 53 ri	 68 ro ₂	 83
 09 se	 24 ne	 39 pi	 54 wa	 69 tu	 84
 10 u	 25 a ₂	 40 wi	 55 nu	 70 ko	 85
 11 po	 26 ru	 41 si	 56	 71 dwe	 86
 12 so	 27 re	 42 wo	 57 ja	 72 pe	 87
 13 me	 28 i	 43 ai	 58 su	 73 mi	 88
 14 do	 29 pu ₂	 44 ke	 59 ta	 74 ze	 89
 15 mo	 30 ni	 45 de	 60 ra	 75 we	 90 dwo

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a  08	ka  77	o  61	ra  60	ta  59	18 	86 
a ₂  25	ke  44	pa  02	ra ₂  76	ta ₂  66	19 	87 
ai  43	ki  67	pe  72	ra ₃  33	te  04	22 	88 
da  01	ko  70	pi  39	re  27	ti  37	34 	89 
de  45	ku  81	po  11	ri  53	to  05	35 	
di  07	ma  80	pte  62	ro  02	tu  69	47 	
do  14	me  13	pu  50	ro ₂  68	u  10	49 	
du  51	mi  73	pu ₂  29	ru  26	wa  54	56 	
dwe  71	mo  15	qa  16	sa  31	we  75	63 	
dwo  90	mu  23	qe  78	se  09	wi  40	64 	
e  38	na  06	qi  21	si  41	wo  42	65 	
i  28	ne  24	qo  32	so  12	za  17	79 	
ja  57	ni  30		su  58	ze  74	82 	
je  46	no  52			zo  20	83 	
jo  36	nu  55				84 	
	nwa  48				85 	

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a 08	H	e 38	A	i 28	Y	o 61	R	u 10	F	a ₂ 25	W	ai 43	U
da 01	L	de 45	X	di 07	I	do 14	S	du 51	V	dwe 71	G	dwo 90	T
ja 57	H	je 46	K	jo 36	P								
ka 77	O	ke 44	M	ki 67	V	ko 70	Q	ku 81	Z				
ma 80	W	me 13	P	mi 73	K	mo 15	S	mu 23	T				
na 06	Z	ne 24	L	ni 30	X	no 52	K	nu 55	U			nwa 48	W
pa 03	T	pe 72	J	pi 39	A	po 11	H	pu 53	R	pte 62	M	pu ₂ 29	Y
qa 16	C	qe 78	O	qi 21	T	qo 32	U						
ra 60	K	re 27	Y	ri 53	I	ro 02	T	ru 26	O	ra ₂ 76	S	ra ₃ 33	E
sa 31	M	se 09	H	si 41	A	so 12	R	su 58	E				
ta 59	H	te 04	E	ti 37	A	to 05	T	tu 69	R	ta ₂ 66	V		
wa 54	R	we 75	Z	wi 40	A	wo 42	T						
za 17	O	ze 74	B			zo 20	A						

18	Y	19	O	22	T	34	S	35	D	47	X	49	V
56	H	63	M	64	H	65	R	79	S	82	R	83	T
84	Z	85	F	86	E	87	B	88	W	89	W		

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A pre-Homeric relic, an ancient vaulted reservoir leading to the "Cave of Arethusa" near Piraeus, has been found, according to the Athens News Agency. [New York Times, December 19, 1961]

The Proceedings of the First International Cretological Congress will be printed in the XVth volume of Kretika Chronika, to appear in 3 fascicules, the first containing the addresses of the Congress' Official Opening and the proceedings (communications and discussions) of the Section A (Prehistoric and Ancient Greek Period).

Papers offered at the meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, December 28-30, in Detroit, included William A. McDonald, "Minoan and Mycenaean Highways," George E. Mylonas, "Excavations at Mycenae, 1959-1961."

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