

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Leon Pomerance sends the following notes on the 1964 finds at Kato Zakro. There is a central courtyard 12 by 30 meters. In this, and in buildings facing the sea are found pumice stone, and sulphur fused with pumice. The decoration of the "banquet hall" shows a bas-relief spiral moulding in stucco running round the room at ceiling level. Spirals are 10 inches in diameter, on a panel 23 inches wide. Cut-outs in the plaster panel indicate rectangular wooden beams the width of the room, semi-circular beams the length of the room, with dimensions 6.5 x 7 meters. In the room were 10 amphoras and 8 drinking mugs for wine. In the megaron were 3 bronze saws, one the largest found in Crete. Also here were 2 bronze mirrors, a bronze tripod, and a large number of terracotta vases. On the floors in the megaron, in the "banquet hall," and also in a public room on the other side of the court are puzzling strips of plaster panelling, similar to the interstitial plastering between gypsum slabs at Knossos. The organic substance between the plaster strips has disappeared without trace. A well with eight stone steps has been located near the courtyard. A square stone altar is in the courtyard. Trial trench probes inside and outside the palace indicate occupation of the site in Early Minoan II and III and Middle Minoan II and III B. The end of the palace is now believed to fall in Late Minoan I B. At nearby Apano Zakro a large administrative building has been found under the modern road and an irrigation ditch. A wine press, and at least 25 square feet of frescoes, probably with floral decoration in yellow, red, blue, and black, have been found.

A second season of excavations at Kastri, Kythera was undertaken by the British School at Athens in association with the University of Pennsylvania Museum in July and early August 1964. Work continued on the Minoan colony on the promontory at Kastri where remains of houses destroyed in the fifteenth century B. C. were excavated by Messrs. R. Hope Simpson and J. Lazenby. Some fine Cretan pottery was found and there were also early Mycenaean vases and sherds, some of them decorated with representations of double-axes and figure-of-eight shields. The earliest pottery so far discovered on the promontory resembles Cretan wares of the Middle Minoan I and II periods. The Roman aqueduct near Kastri was also studied.

On the Asprogas ridge to the north of Kastri four Minoan tombs reused in late Roman and Byzantine times were excavated by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Trik. In trials on the hill called Kastraki near Kastri they also discovered some Neolithic and Early Bronze Age pottery in the neighbourhood of a large Roman building.

A Minoan tomb near Kastri dating from about 1550 B. C. was excavated by Mr. Nicolas Coldstream: it is one of a series opened and damaged by a bulldozer during road making and had been reused in Mycenaean times. Many Mycenaean pottery fragments were found in it, including stemmed drinking cups (kylikes) of the Late Helladic III B period. These are the latest bronze age wares yet found at Kastri.

The survey of the Kastri area was extended inland by Mr. K. Minto to Paleokastro mountain, where the Hellenic fortifications and the architectural fragments, presumably from the archaic temple of Aphrodite, were studied and photographed.

Amongst the finds made during the 1964 season were Minoan steatite bowls, an archaic Greek inscription, and a classical graffito. The excavations were directed by Professor G. L. Huxley. Finds have been placed in the Museum at Chora, Kythera.

Professor H. Friis Johansen reports that Mr. Henrik Holmboe has been awarded The Gold Medal of Aarhus University for his paper "Nominalbøjningen i Linear B-indskrifternes sprog" (Inflexions of nouns in the language of the Linear B inscriptions).

Das Altertum 10:3 (1964) has for its "frontispiece" a full-page, color photograph of the Lion-Gate at Mycenae.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Michael C. Astour, Hellenosemitica, E. J. Brill, Leiden.

Doctoral dissertations completed. At the University of Pennsylvania, Thomas W. Jacobsen, Prehistoric Euboea (covering Euboea from Neolithic through Protogeometric times, and incorporating the results of a surface survey, 1962-1963). At the University of Illinois, Thomas Kelly, The Early History of Argos (1100-500 B. C.).

CORRIGENDA

P. 341, s.v. Lejeune, read épée. P. 352, s.v. Opuscula, read für. P. 352, s.v. Adrados, read laringales. P. 353, read Taylour. P. 353, s.v. Adrados, read Loi. P. 354, s.v. Luria, read K voprosu.

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