

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

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

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