

COMMUNICATIONS

With the generous cooperation of the Director of the National Museum in Athens, ELB and JC were able to spend the better part of two days in July, 1965, in the examination of several doubtful readings among the tablets from Pylos. The following is a selection from the resulting readings, chiefly those which seem to differ in substance from the texts of the original publications. Unless otherwise indicated these readings are agreed upon by ELB and JC after joint examination and discussion.

PY Vn 46: sup. mut. (At least one rule is visible above line 1, and at least one line of text is probable. ELB) line 1: pi-ra<sub>3</sub>[ line 2: a-ti-ja , 6[ line 3: 4 line 4: 12[ line 5: 81 ; o-pi-te-te-re or o-pi-ra<sub>3</sub>-te-re Neither inspires confidence ; 40 line 6: 23 line 7: pi-ri-ja-o line 9: e-[.]wo-ke line 12: e-ru-[mi]-ni-ja

PY Vn 48.6: ]wo-no-wa-[.]si JC; ]wo-no-wa-ti-si ELB In either case the possible readings are ti or pi, and the choice difficult.

PY On 300.8: o-de-q-a-a<sub>2</sub> The mark sometimes taken as a word-divider after de is oblique from left to right and runs from a broken edge. This is possibly all one word without word-divider. The mark of word-division is certainly present in only one place in this text, and certainly absent in several places where division is to be understood.

PY Ma 397.1: a-[.]ta<sub>2</sub> (i.e. a-[.]-\*66) The missing sign is almost certainly not \*85; perhaps an otherwise unrecorded sign.

PY Un 443: whole tablet possibly written and erased before inscription of the present text line 3: HORD 2 te-ri-ja This reading is probable; mu-te-ri-ja is apparently to be rejected. 2 is written as one stroke above the other; the lower was not erased, and cuts the rule. (It seems possible that an original text, ]do-ke , ka-pa-ti-ja , [ \*145 6 ], preceded the present text. ELB)

PY Ab 554 and Ab 582: These two pieces are unlikely to belong to the same tablet, though it is just possible. The present height of 582 is definitely a little greater.

JC offers this further comment. If o-pi-ra<sub>3</sub>-te-re is the correct reading in Vn 48.5, this can be interpreted opi(r)raisteres "hammers," cf. ῥαιστήρ. (Hom. θυμοραΐστής may well be a false archaism for θυμορραιστής.)

From Eos, Commentarii Societatis Philologae Polonorum 54 (1964), we may note the following lectures which were presented to members of the Society from June 1962 to October 1963: S. Oświecimski, "Interpretacja tabliczki z Pylos Cn 1287" (Łódź); H. Wójtowicz, "Odysejski dramat w porównaniach kompozycyjnych Homera" (Lublin); M. Siemiński, "Kultura egejska i pismo lineare A --własne próby odczytania" (Piotrków).

At the meeting of the London Mycenaean Seminar, 2 February 1966, V. E. G. Kenna read a paper on "Seal use in ancient Crete after the destruction of the Palaces."

The Sixty-Second Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South will be held at Norman, Oklahoma, April 7-9. Among the papers to be presented is: Frederick M. Ahl, "Cadmus and the Palm-Leaf Tablets."

Prolegomena to an Acronymic Directory of Organizations for  
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The Secretaries of other national and regional Committees are invited to cooperate in completing this directory.

The Syllabus of the St. Andrews University Archaeological Society includes papers by Stuart Piggott, "Mycenae and Barbarian Europe," 28 October, 1965; Nicolas Coldstream, "Phoenicians and the Aegean," 11 November, 1965; N. G. L. Hammond, "The Prehistory of Epirus," 17 February, 1966; L. R. Palmer, "Knossos as a Problem of Modern History," 3 May, 1966.

From the Bulletin de la Classe des Lettres et des Sciences Morales et Politiques, Académie Royale de Belgique 51 (1965), we learn that the following volumes of the Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum are now in preparation: Allemagne: Gotha, Schloss-museum 1, par E. Rohdhe, Styles chypriote, mycénien, etc.; Frankfurt a. M., par K. Deppert, Vases mycéniens, etc. Roumanie: Bucarest, Musée National, par S. Dimitriu et P. Alexandrescu avec la collaboration de V. Dumitrescu, Styles mycénien, chypriote, géométrique, etc. Tchécoslovaquie: Prague, Université Charles de Prague 1, par J. Bouzek et J. Frej, Vases préhelléniques, géométriques, etc.

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