

COMMUNICATIONS

Peter Warren sends this account of excavations. The Early Minoan II settlement at Myrtos on the south coast of Crete has now been completely uncovered with a second season of excavations in July and August. The site consists of building complexes of many rooms, rather than of individual houses. The western and southern entrances were found. From the latter, which had its threshold block and door socket in position, a passage leads up to the rooms on the summit of the site. Magazines of pithoi were found in the western and south-eastern areas. A long room in the south-west corner may have been a shrine: fallen from a flat-topped stone set against its eastern wall was an extraordinary vase in the shape of a woman holding a complete miniature, dark on light painted jug in the crook of her arm. North of this room was a small chamber (shrine treasury?) crammed with plates, jugs and other fine ware vases. A room in the central part of the site proves to be a potter's workshop since eight potter's disks or turn tables were found on its floor.

Apart from pottery, of which about two hundred and eighty complete or restorable vases turned up this year, there were more spindle whorls, loom weights and ring weights, several clay and stone figurines, three more seal-stones (one unfinished) and a small chisel, probably of copper. C-14 and thermoluminescence dates are awaited, but of crucial importance for dating the destruction was the discovery, among quantities of Vasilike and painted wares, of about five vases with very simple white on black designs. This situation corresponds closely to Seager's analysis of the end of EM II at Vasilike.

A report by M. Nisiotis, on this season's excavations at Kea appeared in Eleftheros Kosmos, 31 October 1968. Elsewhere in Athenian newspapers have appeared reports of an Early Helladic necropolis, with graves similar to Cycladic ones, at Thebes. Another report is of a stirrup-jar find in Athens near the boulevard Syngrou.

Formation of the "Oesterreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für mykenische Studien" is announced. The officers are Fritz Schachermeyr and Wolfgang Dressler.

An illustrated report in the Milwaukee Journal, October 24, 1968 shows that the colorful, mosaic-floored swimming pool cum Ariadne's dancing floor, as well as the mosaic-tiled bathtub take their designs straight from the Palace of Minos, on Mr. Onassis' yacht Christina.

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CORRIGENDA

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