

COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Art History of Temple University is pleased to announce the second Temple University Aegean Symposium: "The Aegean Bronze Age: An Interdisciplinary Approach," which will be held on Friday, March 25, 1977 at Temple University. The papers presented will be:

Tamara S. Wheeler, "The Ancient Tin Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East." L. Vance Watrous, "Aegean Settlements and Transhumance." Henry N. Michael, "New Radiocarbon Dates from Thera." Claireve Granjouan, "Aegean Leisure Time." Emmett L. Bennett, Jr., "DA and TA as premises for Rational Arguments." Philip P. Betancourt, "Perspective and the Third Dimension in Theran Painting." Robert B. Koehl, "Some Unpublished Mycenaean Pottery from Sarepta." Marshall J. Becker, "The People of Kato Zakro."

Synopses of the papers, TUAS vol. 2 (1977), will be available for \$4.00 (\$5.50 by mail, from P. P. Betancourt, Dept. of Art History, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122, U.S.A.).

The New York Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, with the aid of a grant from the national A.I.A. office, is sponsoring a "Symposium on the Dark Ages," which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 1977, at Hunter College. The following program is planned:

Jeremy Rutter, "Late Helladic III C Pottery and Some Historical Implications." Kyriakos Nicolaou, "On the Origins of Greek Geometric Pottery and Questions of Continuity." Gtnter Kopcke, "Figure Drawing before, during, and after the Dark Ages." Paul A. Wallace, "A Survey of Archaeological Sites in Northwest Greece and Evidence for the Arrival of the Dorians." Frederick A. Winter, "Models for Invasions and Cultural Change as Applied to the So-called 'Dorian Invasion'." Discussion: Claireve Granjouan, Evelyn Lord Smithson.

An illustrated publication of the talks will be available for sale at the Symposium, and may be obtained after that time by mail from the Archaeological Institute of America, 260 West Broadway, N.Y. 10013, for \$3.75.

Papers presented at the Nederlandse Klassiek Verbond at Arnhem: C. Zwicker, "Het Mykense Griekenland in het kader van de wereld geschiedenis" (15 Jan. 1976). J. Crouwel, "Santorini, recente opgravingen op Thera" (13 Jan. 1977).

On Belgian Radio and Television a program called "Pylos" was presented, 18 Nov. 1976.—Hermeneus.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation in progress: Barbara J. Hayden, "Architecture of the Reoccupation Period on Crete, LM IIA - LM IIIB" (University of Pennsylvania).

### CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - According to D. A. Was on Linear A and B volumes (Nestor 940), the Zakros pithos actually had a unit equal to the main Linear B liquid unit and half the Hagia Triada unit. Yet these are put in terms of choinikes which may have varied as well. One possible correlation is that, with the Linear A value of 0.9 liters, the pithos held 518.4 liters, which is also the oil delivery on PY Fr 1184 (cf. pithos in nearby Archives Room Annex?) with the value of 1.6 liters in Documents<sup>2</sup>. This suggests a traditional size for shipment, measured in two systems to yield the 32 units on the pithos and 18 on the tablet. The differing values can be explained by my method (Nestor 939), since the Hagia Triada unit is then 32.4 liters (halved at Zakros), a cubic foot based on almost 32 cm. or a "Pylian foot" (Palace of Nestor II, 225), while the main Linear B unit of 28.8 liters (halved approximately in stirrup jars) is based on little more than the "Minoan foot." Further, a cylindrical vessel 1/3 foot high and wide holds about 1/36 cubic foot, accounting for the division of these units if it was (at least originally) the choinix in Linear A and half the choinix (or Lang's factor of 0.8 liters) in B. Comparable too is the Pyrgos Myrtou tablet (Kadmos 10 [1971] 105ff) with each unit as 1/5 of the main Linear B unit (perhaps an average wine offering for each of the five tubes nearby, two joined but dissimilar), giving 90 x 5.76 liters (cf. 576 x 0.9 at Zakros) or 518.4 again. Finally, the Mycenaean "talent" of around 30 kg. may be another weight based on the cubic foot (of oil?), a clearer human standard than convenient carriage (Chadwick, The Mycenaean World [1976] 106-8).

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Yours, &c.  
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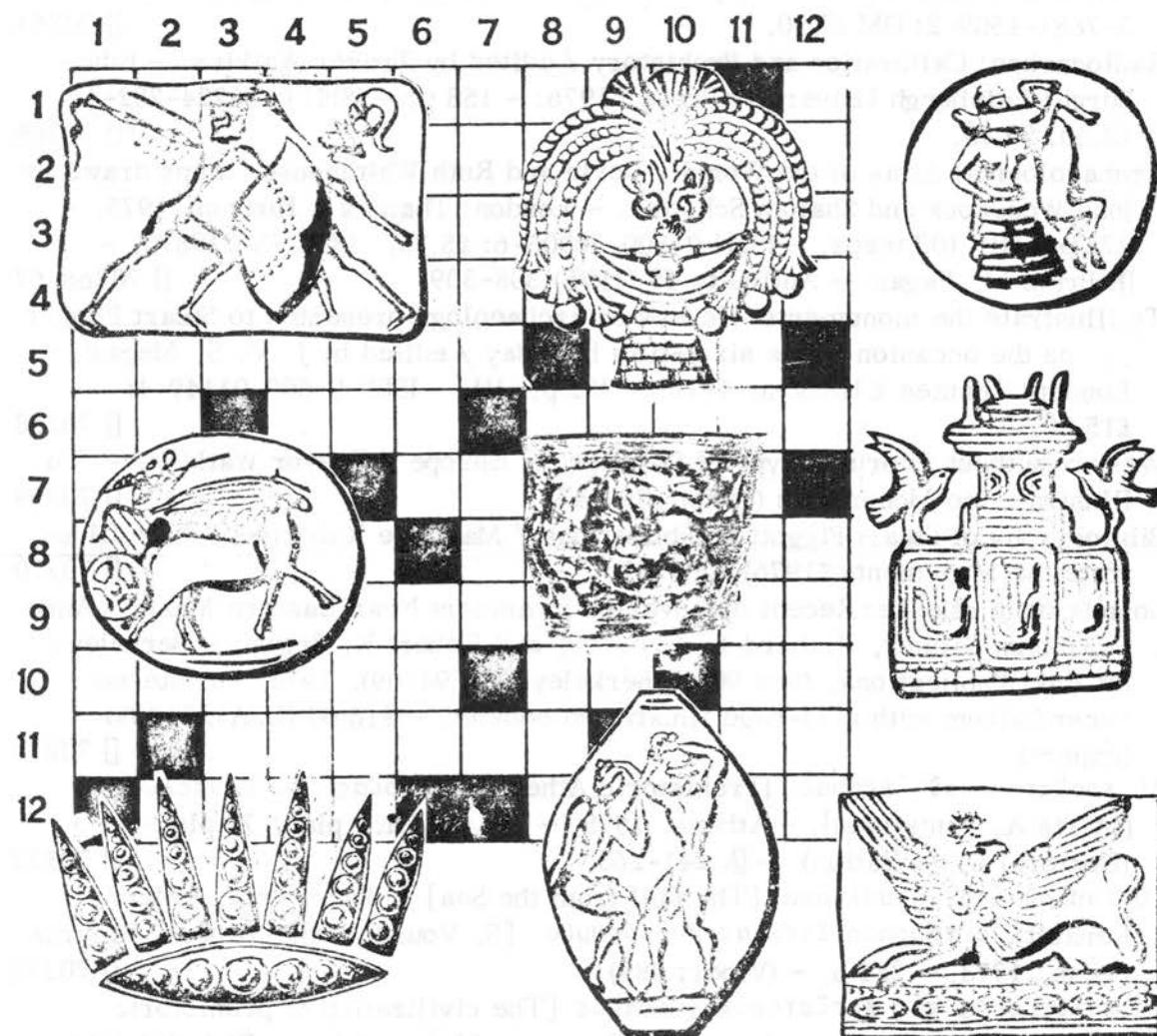
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