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COMMUNICATIONS

There will be an International Symposium on Homer, "Homeria '79," sponsored jointly by the International Council for Homeric Studies and the Classics Department of Wellesley College from July 17-31. Those interested in attending may contact E. Mamounas, International Council for Homeric Studies, 8 Kanari Street, Athens 134, Greece.

FORUM

To the Editors:

I have heard from some colleagues that in the late 1950's a clay disc similar to the Phaistos Disc was for sale in an antique shop in Athens. The disc supposedly came from Crete, where it was found by a peasant. The few scholars that saw it believed it was a fake, and it probably was. Nevertheless I find it surprising that other similar fakes have not surfaced on the market. I would be interested in obtaining further information on this piece in order to resolve the matter, and would greatly appreciate hearing from readers of Nestor who might know something about it.

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Yours, &c.
J. Faucounau
February 9, 1979

To the Editors:

Enclosed find my new study about Minoan measures, "The Minoan Measures of Length, Area and Volume," and ask that you mention it in Nestor. Everyone who is interested in it may write to me for a copy. I'll send it immediately.

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Yours, &c.
Richard Kamm
March 6, 1979

To the Editors:

Mr. Bill Hansen's 20 February communication clarifies much more than he is aware. While noodling around with his idea, I realized there must have been an error in decipherment, a reading of sign to instead of ta--they all look alike anyway--on F 841 and others. Hence, what appears (Doc. Myc. Gr., 1973) to be pa-i-to (Phaistos)

is actually paista, clearly the ancient word for pasta. Thus do we find how the palace came to be named. And where else would one look, but on the fruitful Mesara plain, for spaghetti trees? Indeed can I hear the flutes and sistrums sounding out Yankee Doodle ...

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Yours, &c.
Les Cole
April 4, 1979

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation at the University of Wisconsin, Thomas G. Palaima,
"The Epigraphy of the Linear B Tablets from Pylos."

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