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An international meeting, "Show Caves and Their Problems," will be held in Athens from September 1 to September 4, 1983. The program will include an archaeological component and excursions to caves (some of archaeological interest) throughout Greece. For further information, write:

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FORUM

To the Editors:

My analysis of the text of HT 15 (Kadmos 12, 1973, 134-48) showed the use of the heavy talent for measuring wheat next to that of the volumetric unit the medimnos. However, for reasons now obscure, an error slipped into the last line of the text, which error I would like to correct as follows. The text has:

u. L 69 . ne	
wheat+ du . L 65 . a	684
wheat+ 1/120	570
o ki . ro	400 (not 40)

Other texts have shown that ki . ro indicates labor supervisors who received, in addition to the standard daily ration of one khoinix (= 1/120 medimnos), a bonus of one-third khoinix. The text can be explained as follows: the first entry stands for 'four months already (paid)'; second entry: 'heavy talent of wheat 684' which corresponds to 68400 khoinikes (fifty of wheat weigh one talent); third entry: 'wheat khoinikes 570 (per diem)'. Four months or 120 days' pay of 570 khoinikes per diem make 68400. Fourth entry: 'deficit' (as in Linear B) 'supervisors 400', the latter figure expressed in the same unit as in the preceding entry; otherwise the unit should have been mentioned. This makes 400/120 or 10/3 khoinix per diem, an amount corresponding to the bonuses of ten supervisors whose basic pay needs to be found in the preceding entries.

Hence there were 560 laborers with ten supervisors working for 120 days, all of whom received the basic pay, but the bonuses were still due and, probably, were paid only when the supervisors--ki. ro--returned to Hagia Triada from their mission.

Yours,
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WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation just completed at the University of Pennsylvania (Classical Archaeology): Robert B. Koehl, The Imported Bronze and Iron Age Wares from Area II, Sounding X, at Sarepta (Modern Sarafand), Lebanon, 1982 (University Microfilms 82-17-140).

ERRATA

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| p. 1627, p. 811282 | - read 1977 for 1978 |
| p. 1628, \$811301 | - read 1981 for 1980 |
| p. 1634, \$811381 | - read 17 for 19; 1976 for 1979 |
| p. 1645, \$811515 | - read Milisauskas for Milisauskas |

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The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium announces a meeting for Monday, January 31, 1983 at 7:45 p.m., Institute of Fine Arts, 1 East 78th St., New York, New York. Professor Vassos Karageorghis, Director of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, will speak on "Two Military Outposts of the end of the 13th Century B.C. in Cyprus".