COMMUNICATIONS

From the Editor:

Welcome back to the new year at NESTOR. As often at this time, we have to report some staff changes. Our guest editor, Hartmut Doehl, has returned to Germany from where he will continue to serve as consultant to NESTOR. Last year's assistant editor, Brad Ault, has handed over the assistant editorship to Thomas Strasser who has worked on the NESTOR staff previously. He is joined by Edward Dietrich. NESTOR has benefited greatly from Messrs. Doehl and Ault's work and we are very grateful for all their efforts.

An area of concern for the editor is the information, or rather lack of such, which we receive concerning Anatolian research related to the Aegean and to the Bronze Age in general. We encourage all readers to send in pertinent items, including conference and fellowship announcements.

A new portion of NESTOR is devoted to news clippings. If you find anything of interest, please send it in, including the date and the title of the newspaper where it appeared.

As you continue to send us offprints, indicate key words that may be used in a future NESTOR index. At this point we are gearing up for installation of a subject index which will make NESTOR even more useful in future years.

Past Events:

Among the speakers presenting papers relevant to NESTOR readers at the conference in celebration of the centenary of the British School for Archaeology at Athens (14-18 April 1986, Manchester) were: T.W. Jacobsen, Conceptual problems and evidence in the study of Greek Neolithic; H. Hauptmann, Problems in the chronology of the Late Neolithic and Chalcolithic; C. Ridley, Early agriculture in the Aegean: origins and connexions; C. Doumas, The EBA in the Cyclades: continuity or discontinuity?; M. Tsipopoulou, Aghia Photia, Siteia: a prepalatial "Palace"?; J. Soles, Social ranking in prepalatial cemeteries; K. Branigan, Some observations on state formation in Crete; J. Rutter, Early Helladic III vase painting, ceramic regionalism, and the influence of basketry; J.A. Macgillivray, P.M. Day, R.E. Jones, Middle Minoan IA dark faced wares from Knossos; G. Cadogan, Some Middle Minoan problems; E. Hallager, The roundel in the Minoan administrative system; J. Weingarten, Problems in Minoan administration: the evidence of the sealings; K. Kilian, Mycenaean up to date: trends and changes in recent research; S. Diamant, Mycenaean origins: infiltration from the north?; I. Kilian-Dirrmeier, Jewellery in Minoan & Mycenaean "Warrior Graves"; B.P. Hallager, Mycenaen pottery in the Minoan IIIA:1 deposits in Khania; P.-A. Mountjoy, The LH IIIA pottery from Ay. Stephanos in Laconia; M. Felsch-Jacob, Compass-drawn concentric circles: a problem of relative chronology at the end of the Bronze Age; A. Akerstrom, Some cultic arrangements in Mycenaean houses and tombs; G. Walberg, Problems in the interpretation of some Minoan and Mycenaean cult symbols; A. Moore, Monochrome terracotta figures from Mycenae: problems of interpretation; B. Rutkowski, Minoan peak sanctuaries. New problems; N. Fernandez, Cult places of the Bronze Age. The problem of identification; W.-D. Niemeier, The "Priest King Fresco"
From Knossos: a new reconstruction and interpretation; N. Marinatos, The painting from the room with the fresco at Mycenae: problems of interpretation; M. Benzi, The LH IIIC period in Rhodes; C. Macdonald, Rhodes during the 12th century B.C. and its role in the Aegean; Z.S. Gale, I. Sakellarakis, Lead isotope evidence for trade in copper from Cyprus in the LBA; O. Negbi, The climax of urbanism in Late Bronze Age Cyprus; H. Matthäus, Late Cypriot and Early Greek bronze tripods and related stands; C. Mee, A Mycenaean thalassocracy in the Eastern Mediterranean; K. Godecken, A contribution to the early history of Miletus: the settlement in Mycenaean times, its traditions and connection overseas; A. Leonard Jr., Problems inherent in Mycenaean/Syro-Palestinian synchronisms; E. Oren, New evidence for the end of Aegean Bronze Age imports in the Eastern Mediterranean; L. Vagnetti, R.E. Jones, Towards the identification of local Mycenaean pottery in Italy; N.H. Gale, L. Schiavo, I. Tzedakis, Recent evidence bearing on a possible metal trade between Crete and Sardinia in the Late Bronze Age; C. Perles, New ways with an old problem: cultural continuity or invasion (upper Palaeolithic through Neolithic); D. Sanders, Architecture: the neglected artifact; P.M. Day, The production and distribution of storage jars in Neopalatial Crete: approaches and problems; J. Bennet, Problems in the integration of textual and archaeological evidence in the Late Bronze Age Aegean; P. Halstead, On redistribution and the origin of the Minoan-Mycenaean palatial economies.

Among the speakers presenting papers relevant to NESTOR readers at the conference for Future Directions in Greek Archaeology (28-30 August 1986, Cambridge) were: C. Doumas, Early settlements and the emergence of authority in the Aegean; C. Gamble, Landscape and settlement patterns in the Palaeolithic of Epirus; S. Andreou, K. Kotsakis, Preliminary remarks on spatial organisation in central Macedonia; G. Hourmouziades, Greek archaeology between the one-way street of its past and the labyrinth of its future; A. Sampson, Cycladic contacts with the mainland during the Early Bronze Age; A. Pilali-Papasteriou, Religious ideology and the palace system in Minoan Crete; D. Konsola, Characteristics of central functions in prehistoric settlements of the Aegean; G. Korres, Critical transitional periods and the problems of survival or decline in Messenian archaeology of the Bronze Age; K. Kotsakis, The social and economic functions of Neolithic Sesklo; K. Zachos (in absentia), Prehistoric cave-habitation in the Cyclades: the case of the cave of Zas on Naxos; K. Dimakopoulou, Glypha (or Vlichia), Chalkis: a major Mycenaean settlement on the Boeotian shore near Aulis; J. Cherry, The "New Wave" of Greek surveys: lessons and future directions; D. Matsas, The Samothrace archaeological and ethnarchaeological survey; E. Melas, Survey in the Dodecanese: methods, results and ethnarchaeological perspectives; A. Snodgrass, Problems in the investigation of urban sites through intensive survey; M. Wagstaff, History, archaeology and the environment in Greece; J. Shackleton, Archaeological exploitation of marine molluscs; A. Kanta, Ph. McGeorge, Armenoi: interrelations of environment and community in a "traditional" Cretan settlement and its Bronze Age counterpart; Ph. McGeorge, The interpretation of social structure through metrical and non-metrical skeletal variation in the LM III population at Armenoi, Retymnon; A. Sarpaki, Enviromental archaeology: the case study of Akrotiri, Thera.

of the Bronze Age shipwreck of Kas; H. Becker, Archaeomagnetic investigations of the Late Mycenaean sites and the problem of magnetic diffraction for high precision magnetic dating; F. Bergmann, E. Pernicka, G.A. Wagner, Provenience studies on metal artefacts from the Eastern Mediterranean: prospects & limitations; P.P. Betancourt, C.P. Swann, PIXE analyses of Middle Minoan pigments from Kommos; G. Brontsky, Strength of archaeological ceramics: a review; G.W. Carriveau, R. Hood, P. Cefaratti, Examination of the contents of a Bronze Age spindle bottle; M.R. Chandratillake, D.J. Liddy, G.W.A. Newton, V.J. Robinson, Analytical and statistical procedures in pottery provenance studies: a review; G.C. Chourmousiadis, The real problem of a prehistoric change; C. Christodoulides, Effect of ground temperature variations on the accuracy of TL dating methods based on the shape of the glow curves; P.M. Day, Technology and ethnography in petrographic studies of ceramics; G. Demortier, Trace analysis of low Z elements in gold artifacts; C. Doumas, Dating methods of the natural sciences: the experience from Thera; C. Doumas, The interface between Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age: the evidence from the Aegean islands; A. Duval, C. Eluere, L.P. Hurtel, M. Menu, Research on joining techniques in antique granulations; H.C. Einfalt, N.H. Gale, H.W. Hubberten, R.E. Jones, The sources of Mycenaean gypsum; E.S. Elster, The interface from Late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age: an accounting from Sitagroi; J. Evans, M.D. Car, Oplum in the Mycenaean period; P.M. Fischer, R.E. Lodding, J.G. Noren, Trace element studies by sims of teeth from archaeological sites on Cyprus: a pilot study in dating; G.B. Foster, Plants, paints and pottery: identification of wadder pigment on Cypriot and Middle Eastern ceramicware; N.H. Gale, Review of the application of lead isotope analyses to provenance studies; N.H. Gale, A.M. Pollard, Computer studies of lead isotope data; C.J. Gallis, Problems of later Neolithic in Thessaly; K. Gallis, H. Knoll, G. Schneider, X-ray flourescence analyses of Neolithic pottery from Thessaly, Greece; A.E. Geckinli, N. Bozkurt, O. Bilgi, Metallographic studies of archaeological metal artifacts from Ikiztepe, Samsun, Turkey; R.G.V. Hancock, J.A. Gifford, S. Swiny, V. Vitali, Chemical characterization of Cypriote antigorite cobbles from the Troodos and Mavonia plutonic complexes; A. Houpmtan, Mineral phases as sensitive oxygen barometers and thermometers in ancient slags; A. Hesse, A. Jolivet, A. Tabbagh, RMCA 3 an improved alternating current resistivity meter and new prospects for fast rate archaeological surveying; W.F. Hornyak, A 3-D spectrophomometer for TL from archaeological objects; R.E. Jones, Characterisation and provenance studies of Aegean ceramics: a review; E. Kambouroglou, A. Sampson, H. Maroukian, The coastal topography and archaeology of Manika, an Early Helladic town in east Central Euboea, Greece; E.S. Kapokakis, K.P. Tokmakidis, Documentation surveys of excavations with land-surveying and photogrammetric methods: an intergrated approach; O. Katzenberger, R. Grun, A detailed study by EST dating of a flowstone section (Crete, Greece); V. Kilikoglou, I. Maniatis, A.P. Grimanis, The effect of mixing, purification and firing of clays on trace element provenance studies by INAA; K. Kotsakis, A. Papanthimou-Papafthimou, A. Papasteriou-Pillali, T. Savopoulou, I. Maniatis, B. Kromer, Transition to EBA in Macedonia: the chronological evidence from Mandalo; P.I. Kuniholm, Aegean dendrochronology project - 1986; I. Liritzis, I. Alexopoulos, Electrical resistivity surveys of some archaeological sites: results and limitations; I. Liritzis, S. Danali-Kotsaki, Beta dose rates derived from gamma spectrometry and low beta anticoincidence systems of various archaeological materials; I. Lorenz, G.A. Wagner, TL-dating of ancient copper slags; H. Magou, K. Kouzelis, The analysis of Hadra Hydriea by atomic absorption spectroscopy; V. McGeehan-Liritzis, N.H. Gale, Technology and provenance of the "R" graves, Steno, Levkas; V. McGeehan-Liritzis, A Papastamatakis, The contribution of ore analyses in the provenance of metal artefacts in earliest Greek metallurgy; C.T. Michael, P.D. Andronikos, Progress and prospects in thermoluminescence dating at N.R.C. Demokritos; J.W. Michels, Obsidian hydration dating: recent developments

Abstracts of these papers have been published in 25th symposium on archaeometry Athens 19-23 May 1986: abstracts.


Among the speakers presenting papers relevant to NESTOR readers at "Western Cyprus. Connections"—An Archaeological Symposium (21-22 March 1986, Brock University) were: R.H. King, Western Cyprus: the palaeoenvironment; S.T. Stewart, Prehistoric lithic acquisition strategies in the Paphos district; W.A. Fox, New evidence for the earliest occupation of Western Cyprus; E.J. Peltenberg, A Late
Prehistoric sequence for Western Cyprus; P. Wallace, The Late Bronze Age in Northwestern Cyprus; A. South, Contacts and contrasts in Late Bronze Age Cyprus: the Vasilikos valley and the west; B. Kling, Pottery classifications and relative chronology of the LC IIIC-I-IA periods; V. Karageorghis, The end of the Late Bronze Age and the beginning of the Iron Age in Western Cyprus; R.H. King, An investigation of the geographical origins of pottery from Southwestern Cyprus and the source materials used in their manufacture.

Among the speakers presenting papers relevant to NESTOR readers at the symposium of Microcomputer Applications in Archaeology (5 April 1986, Princeton University) were: P. Bogucki, Microcomputer applications in archaeology; P. Crabtree, Microcomputer applications in faunal analysis; D. Campana, Microcomputers in the evaluation of remote-sensing data; H. Dibble, Current applications of microcomputer technology in Palaeolithic research; B. Crandall, Macintosh applications in archaeology.

Bernard Knapp spoke September 11 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, on "Copper Production and Divine Protection: Archaeology, Ideology, and Social Complexity on Bronze Age Cyprus".

The eighth annual Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry took place 26-30 May 1986 in Ankara, Turkey.


Upcoming Events:

The Contact Group for Phoenician and Punic Studies of the Belgian National Funds for Scientific Research and the Séminaire de Numismatique Marcel Hoc at the Université Catholique de Louvain announces a colloquium on Premonetary and Monetary Economy in the Phoenician and Punic World to be held in March 1987. For further information, contact Prof. T. Hackens, Collège Erasme, B 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

The École Française d'Athènes and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et l'Université de Paris I announce an international round table to be held in Athens 23-25 June 1987 (NOT 16-18 June as previously announced), Le Habitat Egeen Préhistorique. The three principal themes are 1) Materials and techniques of construction, 2) Types of habitation and the functions of buildings, 3) gglomeration and urbanism. Contributions pertaining to terminology and methodology are also welcome, as well as reports on recent excavations which contribute to the three principal themes. The acts of this round table will be published as a supplement to the BCH. Those wishing to present a paper should contact Pascal Darque or René Treuil, UA no.31 (Protohistoire Égénne), Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie, 3 rue Michelet, F-75006 Paris, France. The deadline for contact was September 1. Due to the summer hiatus at NESTOR we have unfortunately been unable to publish this announcement earlier. Please respond immediately. Languages accepted are Greek, French, English, German and Italian.

The Sixth International Congress on Aegean Prehistory will be held in Athens 30 August-5 September 1987. The thematic units of the congress are 1) Terminology and chronological determinations; 2) Man, natural environment and its role; 3) Economy, economic relations, demography; 4) Cultural environment; 5) Social organization; 6) Script and language. If you wish to participate, please send a short text (ca. 300 words) explaining the content of your paper in order to be classified at the proper session to Secretarian, Horizon Travel Agents, 14a Nikis Str., Athens 105 57, Greece, by 15 October 1986.

Newsrack:


NEWSWEEK 11 August 1986 cover story: "Voyages to the Bottom of the Sea, Using high tech to explore the lost treasures of the sea," includes segment on the Bronze Age shipwreck off Kas (p. 50).


Errata:

p. 2039, §860475 Read Kardulias for Kardulis
p. 2039, §860479 and 860480 Read Syriopoulous for Syriopoulous

Announcements:

Grant applications to the Institute for Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP) for 1987 funding should be submitted no later than December 1, 1986. Research projects
of any kind-including excavation relevant to the history of the Aegean world from the Neolithic to the First Olympiad are eligible for funding. The INSTAP Grant Application Committee will consider applications during December and early January; awards will be announced in early February 1987. There is no required format. Photocopies of applications submitted to other funding sources may be submitted. Applications should be addressed to Mrs. Adelaide L. Lewis, Associate Director, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, c/o The Millburn Corporation, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA. Please be sure to include a contact address and telephone number.

The American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) is offering over $170,000 in research fellowships, professorships, scholarships and travel grants for the academic year 1987-88. ASOR’s award program is available to students at all levels, from undergraduate to post-doctoral scholars, and qualified individuals are invited to apply. The awards are designed to offer opportunities for study in humanistic disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology, Biblical studies, epigraphy, history, history of art and architecture, literature, philology, prehistory and topography. The program encourages study of the Middle East, from prehistoric times to the modern era. The deadline for a student fellowship for doctoral research is October 31, 1986. The deadlines for other awards (e.g., post-doctoral) have passed. Due to our summer hiatus we were unable to publish these awards earlier.

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