

COMMUNICATIONS

The discovery of Linear B tablets at sites where they have not been found before is apparently not news. At any rate, a rather inconspicuous notice was overlooked, to the effect that a small fragment of a Linear B tablet has been found, perhaps in earth moved from an earlier excavation, beneath the citadel and toward the Southeast, at Tiryns. How to reinterpret the reported text in the normal conventions is not clear. It might be ]ηϝ-ςε[ or ]σα-ςε[, unless it is something else. Ἀρχαιολογικὸν Δελτίον 21:Β1 (1966) 130.

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List of theses in progress, p. 567. Add, At Oxford: Dickinson, O. T. P. K., "The Origins and Development of Early Mycenaean Culture"; note as completed, Forster, Jennifer, "The history of t-stems in Greek" (London).

During the past year, the local Societies of the Archaeological Institute of America have heard one or more of the following lectures: John L. Caskey, "Troy and Problems in Trojan Archaeology," "Excavations on the Island of Keos," "Lerna and the Early Bronze Age in Greece"; Daniel Brown, "The Bronze Age in Crete"; Raymond L. Den Adel, "Schliemann and Troy"; William P. Donovan, "The Arrival of the Greeks"; J. Walter Graham, "Palaces of the Homeric Heroes," "Crete and its Palaces"; Thomas W. Jacobsen, "Investigations in the Southern Argolid, 1967"; Leon Pomerance, "Excavations at Kato Zakro, Crete"; Emily T. Vermeule, "The World of Crete," "Island Sites: Thera."

Papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in New York, 28-30 December, 1968, included:  
Warren Cowgill, "A Speculative Reconstruction of the Pre-Indo-European Vowel System."

Eric P. Hamp, "The Greek Aorist Passive in Theta."

Papers presented at the General Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Toronto, 28-30 December, 1968, included:

Sarantis Symeonoglou, "Mycenaean Pottery and other Finds from Thebes." (A report by Sanka Knox appeared in the New York Times, Jan. 1, 1969.)

Edith Porada, "Cylinder Seals from Enkomi, Cyprus, and a Re-appraisal of Early Glyptic Art in Cyprus."

Leon Pomerance, "The Final Collapse of Santorini - 1400 B.C. or 1200 B.C.?"

Paul W. Wallace, "A Re-identification of the Boiotian City Salganeus and a suggested Location for the Homeric Nisa."

John E. Coleman, "Salvage Excavations at Pylos in Elis."

J. Walter Graham, "X equals 10."

William G. Loy, "The Land of Nestor: a Method of Resource Analysis."

A report in an Athenian newspaper, 24 November 1968, describes the forms of a series of admission tickets to be introduced in January 1969 to the important Greek archaeological sites and museums. For Mycenae, the Lion Gate and an ancient epigram. For the Iraklion Museum, four of the best sealstones.

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. . . qu'il est permis de rire entre mycénologues

It is true we are permitted occasionally to laugh. But as serious students of ancient and unknown writings and writers, we must deplore the frivolity of such displays of facile and unfeeling cleverness as are to be seen in the letter of I. Jones, in New Scientist 40:623 (14 November 1968) 392, or in the letter the week before of L. Harrison Matthews (40:622 [7 November 1968] 327), or in the absurd speculations of the New Scientist's regular contributor, Ariadne (who seems to get most of her notions from her polyepithetic friend, Daedalus) two weeks before that (40:620 [24 October 1968] 214). The serious student will recognize immediately the counterfeit and the jealous in them, just as he will unflinchingly recognize and applaud the genuine salt-glaze of the earth in--

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Nestor (in real seriousness) congratulates the editor of the New Scientist both for his perception of the real serious worth of Mr. Laidler's article, and for his tolerance of our pseudominoan friends.