

COMMUNICATIONS

In a final season of excavation at Mycenae in 1969 another cache of clay figures similar to those discovered in 1968 came to light. They were found close to the room with the mysterious platforms, of which only a small corner had been uncovered in the previous year. This room has now been completely excavated. It is of great size and can be interpreted as a temple. One of the clay figures was actually found in situ on a low platform.

The "Room of the Ivories" has a dog-leg extension, a small shrine in which an attractively painted figure was found in one corner of it with complete pots and an assemblage of glass beads (or buttons) lying on the floor.

The "Room with the Fresco" which communicates with the "Room of the Ivories" was found to be a very large one. At the west end of it is an oblong hearth. Along one side of the room was a raised bench of earth with a covering of slabs. In this earth were found several complete pots and a unique and beautifully carved ivory head about the size of a small apple. These two rooms lie immediately to the west of the temple and are separated from it by a narrow corridor. They have no communication with the temple. All the finds from this season date to the last part of the 13th century B. C. or earlier.

The preceding communication from Lord William Taylour, sent with a proper address from Cambridge, England, 10 October, 1969, reached me 5 February, 1970. I admit to being an accomplished procrastinator, but this incident shows that I am ably aided in delay by the U.W. Campus mail.

CLIPPINGS

Milwaukee Journal (UPI), 29 Sep. 1969. Cyrus H. Gordon reported deciphering a stone found in Columbus, Georgia, which has signs identical to similar writing found on Crete, on Aztec stones and on early Minoan hieroglyphics.

Sunday Times, 28 Dec. 1969, William Glenton; Berner Tagwacht, 16 Jan. 1970, cpr. The translation by Beatrice Gwynn of the Enkomi Tablet.

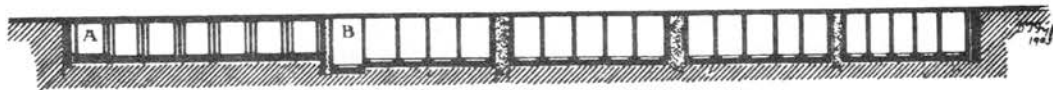
Athens News Agency Weekly Bulletin, 23-29 Dec. 1969. Thera has become a tourist attraction--over 30,000 persons visited it last summer. A complex of bungalows is being built to accommodate future visitors.

Nea, 7 Jan. 1970; Ethnos 7 Jan. 1970. A Mycenaean necropolis has been found at Taranto, Italy.

Ethnos, 21 Jan. 1970. A baked clay tablet with large remains of the Cypro-Minoan script has been found in the recent campaign at Enkomi, Cyprus.

Akropolis, 24 Jan. 1970, Andreas Tzortzatos. At Marathon extensive finds are announced, including Geometric, Mycenaean, and Middle Helladic.

Ethnos, 27 Jan. 1970, V. Konstantinopoulos. Schliemann.



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