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Public lectures of interest: Professor Philip Betancourt discussed critical differences between LM Ia and LM Ib, with particular reference to material from Thera, at the New York Bronze Age Colloquium, February 15, 1978, and Professor Spyridon Iakovidis gave a lecture, "The Citadel of Mycenae after a Century of Research," at the University of Cincinnati, February 17, 1978.

Paper read at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, 1977: Nicki Harper and Tom Rindflesch (Department of Linguistics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455), "Graphemic Analysis and the Genetic Classification of Languages." "In trying to recover the language underlying the Minoan Linear A corpus, we have attempted to formulate a method of determining the genetic relationship of a language when texts written in that language cannot be read."

A symposium entitled "Deforestation, Erosion and Ecology in the Ancient Mediterranean and Middle East" has been organized by Robert K. Evans and Theodore Wertime and has been scheduled for April 19, 1978 (9 AM - 5 PM) at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. The participants and their papers: "Afforestation and Domestication in the Zagros" (Brian Hesse), "Dendrochronology and the Shift from Afforestation to Deforestation" (Peter Kuniholm), "The Uses of Wood in the Ancient Mediterranean" (James D. Muhly), "Prime Culprit: The Pyrotechnologic Furnace or the Goat?" (Theodore Wertime), "Deforestation in the Lower Danube" (Ruth Tringham), "Erosion in Melos and the Question of the Younger Fill" (Colin Renfrew), "The General Picture of Erosion in the Mediterranean Area" (John Kraft), "Erosion in the Dinaric Alps" (Eugene Sterud), "How the Ancients Viewed Deforestation" (J. Donald Hughes),

"The Ethnographic View of Land Management" (Harold Koster and Hamish Forbes), and "Summary" (Erik Eckholm).

The Smithsonian Institution and the National Bureau of Standards are jointly sponsoring a symposium on "Obsidian Characterization and Trading Systems in Prehistory" to be held April 20, 1978, at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The confirmed participants include: Frank Asaro, James Blackman, J. E. Dixon, Jon Erickson, Isadore Perlman, Colin Renfrew, Michael Spence, and Stanley Warren. Further information is available from James Blackman, Conservation-Analytical Lab, Smithsonian Institution, Museum of History and Technology, Washington, D. C. 20560.

Professor Colin Renfrew, University of Southampton, will give a colloquium on April 21, 1978, at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The colloquium is entitled "Impact of Radio-Carbon Dating on Old World Archaeology" and will be held in the Green Auditorium at 10 AM.

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FINAL NOTE

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