

COMMUNICATIONS

A survey of the salvage excavations conducted by American, Austrian, English, French, German, and Italian archaeologists in the area to be flooded by the end of 1968 by the new dam on the Peneios river in Elis, is given by M. Nisiotis in Eleftheros Kosmos 10 March 1968.

In the New Yorker for March 9, 1968, there is a report that M. Ayrton (author of the novel The Maze Maker) will indeed make a maze to contain the Minotaur (or, alas, rather the sculptured figure of the Minotaur), at Arkville, in the Catskills.

For a syndicated cartoon strip by Athelstan Spilhaus (4/14/68) whose text ends, "Have they really found Plato's lost city of Atlantis?" Gene Fawcette has drawn the discovery of pots, a volcanic island's eruption, and, without any other indication of its incongruity, a sort of aerial view of the ritualistic center of an "Atlantis."

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### The Classics Revisited

The first reviews of the first decipherment of prehistoric Aegean writing retain a freshness to be emulated, if possible, in reviews of the latest. I had occasion to look up as many as this Library possessed. F. Koepf wrote perceptively, "Bei solcher Bewegungsfreiheit war die Lesung schliesslich nur eine Frage der Geduld." C. P. Tiele cheerfully wrote, "Auf alle Fälle bin ich davon überzeugt, dass die Historiker gut daran thun werden, aus diesem Versuch noch keine Schlüsse zu ziehen." W. Larfeld failed to notice an outrageous boner that another reviewer gleefully reported, and was content with the hopeful (or was it merely the conventional?) "ἀρχὴ ἡμῶν παντός." But the best were the first I found, Alfred Bruckner's first words, "In seligen Entdeckerfreuden ist dieses Buch geschrieben, zu schön für diese Welt."