

COMMUNICATIONS

A Study Collection of sherds has been prepared in the Nauplion Museum to form a base-line for pottery identification and to illustrate in tangible form the definitions of the pottery sequences from the Argolid which have been set forth in recent publications. The examples are taken from the sherd material left from pre-war excavations in the Argolid, the wooden trays of which were used for fuel during the war and which therefore is now without provenance. Only typical pieces have been selected. The series representing LH I to LH IIIC (arranged by the Mycenae staff) is now complete and the Early Helladic and Middle Helladic sections (arranged by Dr. D. H. French) will shortly be ready. Our thanks are due to the Ephor of the Argolid, Mrs. Deilaki, for her cooperation in this project.

Following the visit of Dr. O. P. T. K. Dickinson to Nauplion to assist the Mycenae staff prepare the LH I and II sections of this study collection, two important corrections to the Chart of Mycenaean Pottery may be made:

- 1) LH I B to be deleted from the chart as a separate period, and the material shown for this to be included in LH II A.
- 2) Globular cups with close stipple (FM 77:2) are no longer to be included in LH II B but first appear in LH III A1.

Dr. Dickinson will shortly be publishing the evidence for these changes in the ABSA and elsewhere.

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Nauplion, 31 August 1972

It is generally counted a difficult thing to understand the sense of humor of other nations. Though I understand a fair percentage of the cartoons in American periodicals, I am often at a loss when I try to find something to laugh at in Punch. When the barrier of a foreign language is added, even one I hope to read with some facility, the humor may be as often misunderstood as unrecognized. Please understand, then, that the items which appear under the rubric . . . qu'il est permis de rire entre mycénologues seem amusing and enjoyable to me, or to me and the generous contributor who sent them. There is, I hope, never any intent to ridicule any person or his theory, or any other malicious intent. Some temptations to print "new decipherments" of this or that have indeed been very great, because they seemed to me to be utterly comic. But they were sent as serious efforts at interpretation, and I have printed dry bibliographies of reviews instead. If you find no reason to join us in laughing at the items printed--you will join the company of several of my colleagues, even in this University. If some item seems to offend or to ridicule, I ask your pardon, and hope that you can believe no ridicule was intended. But if you find the items under that rubric to be beneath the dignity of the science of mycénologie, or blown up with undue levity, you will have to continue to be as patient as may be.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Le scellé Ws 1707 de Cnossos porte sur sa face α un mot écrit sur deux lignes et qui est lu soit]ke-wo-re-u-si, avec probablement un signe manquant, soit]a₃-wo-re-u-si, le mot étant complet. Si cette dernière lecture était correcte, on aurait une forme ΑἰϜολεῦσι, ce qui attesterait pour la première fois le nom des "Eoliens" dans les textes en linéaire B, de même que l'existence d'une colonie éolienne dans la Crète mycénienne.

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Yours &c.,
Yves Duhoux

CLIPPINGS

Eleftheros Kosmos, 22 June 1972. Press conference of Aris Poulianos, on behalf of the Anthropological Society of Greece, on the Petralona cave.

Eleftheros Kosmos, 29 June 1972. Letter of Spyridon Marinatos, in answer, and including reference to the typographical errors reproduced for the amusement of Nestor's readers, pp. 786, 788.

Eleftheros Kosmos, 2 July 1972. Letter of Aris Poulianos, in reply, and including an explanation of those typographical errors.

Eleftheros Kosmos, 5 July 1972. Reply to Aris Poulianos, from the General Direction of Antiquities.

Eleftheros Kosmos, 5 August, 19 August, M. Paraskevaidis. Meeting of the 1st International Thracological Congress, in Sofia. Among those presenting papers were Sp. Marinatos, on the antiquities of Thrace in Greek mythology and in archaeological excavations since the war, Ap. Daskalakis, on Thrace in Greek sources, Georgios Bakalakis, on ancient Thracian onomastics, and Aris Poulianos, on the origins of the Thracians, and their relation to the Cretans.

Eleftheros Kosmos, 8 August, 26 August, 26 August 1972, Miltis Paraskevaidis. The Greek Archaeological Society's excavations at Archanes, directed by J. Sakellarakis, yield an Early Minoan III (ca. 2200 B.C.) tholos tomb. Several larnakes, much ornament of gold, silver, stone, and ivory, seals, and a number of idols of Cycladic type, made of marble and other stones, or of ivory.

Estia, 6 Sep. 1972. The discovery of double axes in Epirus.

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