

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - In AJA 80 (1976) 77 (the fascicle has reached Salzburg only some weeks ago) I read the following passage which, in my opinion, could bring the long DA/TA discussion closer to a solution and might therefore be of some importance: "Hartmut Waetzold, in his book Untersuchungen zur neusumerischen Textilindustrie (Rome 1972), points out that in the twenty-first century B. C. weaving was done by large groups of women grouped in workshops, supervised by female overseers, with men higher up in the hierarchy" (Richard S. Ellis). This is quite obviously as well an astonishing parallel to L. R. Palmer's interpretation of DA/TA in the Mycenaean texts, as it is precisely Mesopotamia to which the system of dry capacity measures points (cf. L. R. Palmer, Interpretation, 100f, on the Mesopotamian parallels and 116ff on DA/TA).

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