and we are plus on the lookout for a possible stone pavement for the stone "wine or oil press."

The sherds go to:

Pail 15 under 13 and 14
From 20-10 at the west, 19-83 at the east
Whitish earth
Sherds: 2360 gr. Goblets 
                        2-8; 
                        rim shed. Several joins, not complete vessels
Other: shells
Ino.
June 23

We continue digging with pair 15. As the stone wine or oil press will remain in situ in the trench we leave an area around it undug to avoid its collapse. (See sketch, p. 54.)

As we dig down it becomes clear that there is no stone pavement here. There are small rough blocks and medium-size slabs, mostly slanted or practically vertical in the west section of the trench, right south and a bit to the southeast of the press.

The second workman clears the earth still adhering to the west end of wall 16 and all the way down to the surface reached last year in Trench 4A2, in the so-called 'alley' or street to the west of our house. This clearing provides very satisfactory results. The stones at floor level of the alley along the lines of walls 5 (north wall 5) and wall 16 traced last year are clearly the outer corner, SW corner, of these two walls. The southern section of wall 5 which is really a different wall from the northern one and which we shall call 5A from now on was built against this corner. I speculate that since the orientation of wall 5A was different from that of B, wall 5 its builders knocked out blocks of the higher courses of this corner and replaced them with new ones so that their wall 5A made a neat corner with wall 16. The stones have now disappeared perhaps because they were not properly bonded with the pre-existing walls. A few general conclusions of interest can be drawn on this new evidence: walls 5, 16, 3 and 1 form a squared area so extending to the north and with so far, one interior partition wall (2). At some point a new house was built against the south face of the one just described. It had a
somewhat different orientation for its two N-S walls are slightly east of due north. These walls are: (1) No. 5A, which runs from wall 16 some 4.90 m to the south, where it was excavated last year in connection with the Trench 5.3. At its south end it makes an east return. (2) The other wall, parallel to 5A, is wall 1A, part of which was discovered last year (Trench 4A). Its structural and other differences in relation to wall 1 were already noted last year. One final note is that the ‘alley’ on the west may have already been (or turned into) an open space, as the speculation that stones were pulled out of the outer corner of walls 5 and 16 (see p. 49) is a valid one. This may also be the period when the stone bench in courtyard D may have been built since it is so neatly fitted with the angles of wall 1 and the projection eastwards of wall 1A (see p. 40) to the north house (ie its interior spaces) were out of use when the southern house was built, remains to be seen from pottery to be found in the room (A) we are in the process of excavating.

A feature of architectural interest is that walls 16 and 3 are practically the same in length c. 2.07/2.04 m. The passage between them, nearly placed in the center, may have been the main (or one of the exterior entrance to the n. house).

At a level of 19.90 m at the west end and 19.83 m at the east we change phase.
(see p. 53) Eventually this turned out not to be an actual channel for the stones creating the impression of "walls" of a channel did not continue all the way down to the floor of the room. The sherds of Pail 17, therefore belong with those of Pails 18 and 19. Also the earth collected for sieving was discarded.

Right under the imprint of the press clearing of earth leaves a channel like opening between stones. It slopes down towards the west south and at the southern end opens up into a circular cavity. All this may be accidental and this will be clarified when the fill around the area is taken down to a lower level. We collect the sherds from this channel.

Pail 18 × Level 3 From 19.90
under pail 15 channel
Sherds : 6 sherds total ; LM
Other : shells
Ino.

As we clear around the press it appears to sit on a platform built of small stones. A couple of small slabs are set upright against the east face of the 'platform' as it were. It is important at this point to determine the floor with which the press was used. One way is to find out how far down the platform goes. For that purpose we remove earth from a small area (0.60 m N-S) directly south of the doorway of Rooms A-B and right below and north of the press. Indeed, we have a platform which goes all the way down to the slab floor. It was built against Wall 16.

As we dig the layer assigned to Pail 16 we find that some differentiation occurs in the fill. An area e.g. 1.10 E-W
1.50m N-S in the east end of the trench is a fill which is whist but softer and a little darker than what occurs further west. There are many large fallen stones and the softer may have occurred by the impact of fallen stones. We dig this area first, just in case there is a later disturbance. The shards etc. go in Pail K6.

To the west of here the white fill is very hard on the surface, almost like a floor? although rather uneven and with stones sticking out of it here and there. At a distance of some 1.60m east of the inner face of wall 5a and some 0.50m from the S. scarp are large shards of a large vessel. They are just above the hardish white layer we have come upon. They will be collected in a separate bag. Pail 18. The white layer may also be fallen roof material. Pail 18 is for an area of 2.60m wide east of the inner face of wall 5. The shards of the large pot are photographed before being removed.

Pail 18 - From c.19.83 Level 3
Order Pail 15. While earth
Shards 4,350 grs. several joins. some MM, latest CLIA A/B, many large frag of
Other pinnas
Inu.

As we dig down we begin to find a large pinnas standing, its middle to the west. Its bottom still in the fill. Its mouth is some 1.70m w. of the inner face of wall 2a. It is more or less parallel to the south scarp from which it is some 0.70m away. The top of the pinnas appears at level 19.78m. At about 19.70m the softish earth.
dug with Pail 16 finishes and we discontinue using this pail. We continue digging with pail 18 in the white fill and around the pits of which more fragments are being exposed. It must be remembered that a rim fragment of a pithos was found in the northeast corner of room A last year and it was purposely left there. This is next to the slab at that corner.
we continue digging the whitish fill in Room A, with a new pail which is used for the entire room, since the ‘disturbance’ limited previously the east section and dug with pails 16 (see p. 55 above) has finished and the fill is uniform throughout. Because of the brownish fill removed and the various fallen stone, pulled out, the ‘layer’ we dig now is very uneven. It is at the highest next to the ‘channel’ (50 cm corner of trench) at 19.83 m, slopes down towards the east and chips down along the north edge of the trench (c. 19.68 - 19.60) where several stones occurred. The rim and sherds of the pithos stuck out of this fill. The rim is at c. 19.80.

Pail 19 from 19.83/19.68/19.60 level 3 under pail 18 whitish earth
Sherds: 6,770 gr, large frag from pithos
Latter: LM III A 2/III B one-handled goblet
Other: sample of earth from floor (left) shell
Inc.

Near the east side of the trench, defined now by the west face of wall 1A, is a curving line of medium to small sized blocks, slightly overlapping each other in a domino effect. The top one, some 0.20 m from the south scarp and some 0.50 m away from wall 1A, is at level 19.86 m. Some five more stones follow, curving so that they come closer to the wall and terminating near the slab fitted in the north-east corner of the room. At the moment we dig around them, looking for an explanation for this pattern. More fallen stones appear as we approach the floor both in this east section and right south of the doorway and next

Room A from south
A: platform of wine press
B: threshold of doorway into Rm B to west north
C: Wall 3; D: wall 1A
E: ‘dominoes’; F: unexcavated fill to the south of trench 12A2; G: some of the floor slabs
H: excavator; J: fragments of pithos; K: more fallen stones; L: slab fitted in NE corner of Room A.
to the 'platform' of the press. In several places, we reach the floor slabs. The soil becomes quite compact just above them. Further finds so far are a couple more fragments belonging to the pot of which we found the rim fragment last year (NE corner) and a pounder, c. 1.10 m north of the south scarp and 0.65 m from wall 1a. It is in dirt just above the floor.

Photographs are taken of the room at this stage so that fallen stones can be removed. The domino, we speculate, may be wall material fallen from the south.

We clear down the room to floor level, leaving the crushed pillars where found so that it can be properly recorded. The entire room is paved with stone slabs, some quite cracked. Walls 1a and 5a are built over the slabs, which may have belonged to an earlier structure, perhaps a courtyard or the house to the north. Besides the pillars there is hardly any floor deposit. The fragm belonging to the large rim fragment found in the northeast corner last year have already been mentioned. Besides the pounder next to the fallen stone in the east quarter there is another one sitting right on the floor and right under the 'platform' of the press. Cleaning has also confirmed the presence of the 'platform' for the press. It is built right on top of the slab floor and rises some 0.85 m above it. It is not really rounded at the south and set back some 0.30 m from the lip of the spout. Thus there is enough room under the spout for a receptacle as tall as 0.70 m.

The slabs here were quite worn. Wall 1a rises some 1.07 m above the floor of the trench. It is clear that the stone in the northeast corner of the

Roll 6 - Room A from S.
A sample of earth was collected from the floor under the press for possible analysis connected with the question of the function of the stone press.

We resume work in Trench 12A1 where the layers representing the two first levels (sand and hard sand) have already been excavated (see pp. 22-23, above). This trench is directly west of 12A2 and has the same N-S dimensions with it. It should be remembered that when trench 12A2 was dug it was decided to extend it to the west to include the line along which wall 5a (located last year in trench 5B) would extend to the north. Therefore the E-W dimension of Trench 12A1 is somewhat smaller than originally planned (Corps p. 22 and pp. 34-35). It is now c. 4.30 m long E-W. The surface reached now slopes steeply down from W to E. At the west end where small fallen stones begin to appear it is about 21.09 m; at the east it is at 20.70 m.

Before excavating Benchmark P140 (=21.04 m) (a metal rod set in cement) is removed. It will eventually be installed on a wall expected to be found under the same point at the bottom of the trench (the wall expected is #7 at Trench 4A2) until then levels will be read from a point on wall 9 in Trench 5B The top of which is at 20.75 m. Its removal brings us down to the level at which we shall be starting digging soon.
The pail assigned to this next stratum is
Pail 20 From 21.09/20.40, level 3
under Pail 5 (see p. 23)
Brownish earth
Shards 380 gr. frags of storage vessel
Calix 2M24 A/B
Other shells
Inc.

we concentrate in the area with the fallen
stone, about 1.30m. wide E-W. The stones
are simply small rubble in soft brownish
earth. Hardly any shreds. As we remove the
stone, more shreds begin to appear and two
walls slowly emerge. One in a northern
extension of wall 6a, part of which was
found in a tilted position in Trend 5B
last year and another wall meeting 6a
at right angles.
Excavation continues in Trench 12A1 using pail 20. Two stones of the E-W wall (19) have so far been exposed, the north face being still in the fill. We change into a new pail. The ground still slopes down towards the east.

Pail 21. Level 3. From 20.68 m/10.43 m.
Under Pail 20 - Burren. Earth.
Sheds: 11.12 m. 1 cooking ware (renewable?) large sherry jar with octopus dec. LM III B.
Other: shells
Inv. C 280 cup

The north face of wall 19 is quite destroyed. A great tumble of stones seen in the north scarp of suggest that it may have fallen material from this wall. To the south of wall 19, exactly where it meets wall 6a, is a fallen slab, perhaps from the latter wall, and beyond that further east there is still another fallen stone. The neck of a large undecorated sherry jar is found there in the fill. The base of a short-stemmed goblet is found along with some brick shreds in the little space between the fallen slab and wall 6a, which is still tilted. Pottery is extremely extensive in this layer and we have already filled a whole pail. The north extension of wall 7a begins to appear and we assign a new pail to the fill east of it and up to the west face of wall 5a. (Pail 22) Wall 7a is a messy construction part of which was found last year in trench 5B. It is suspected to have been a rough blocking of an entrance between walls 7a and 12. South and 17 to the north of this intermediary construction. The level of