While cleaning the doorway in Wall 3 down to floor level with pail 66 it is noticed that the floor level of 53B space 13 is lower than that reached in the corridor north of wall 6. Following the steel-grey clay surface of space 13 into the corridor we change pails.

* Pail 69 (level 3)

Under pail 66
From depth of 3.24 / 3.31 to 3.16 / 3.17 (floor level)
Type of soil: brown-grey clay-like earth, with very little stone debris
Pottery content: 1615 154 sherds
Date: LM1, "Val" fr.
Other: charcoal, shells, painted plaster

Inventoried:

With this pail the steel-grey clay floor is exposed in the corridor. Other than some sherds, a little charcoal, the floor is clean.

In the western extension with pail 68 more stone debris is removed. After approx. 20 m of earth & stones are removed another pass is begun in the NW corner of the area. Burned earth & sherds lying flat are uncovered, indicating the surface found in TR 51 A (with pail 46). We change pails to follow the surface.

* Pail 70 (area level 3)

Under pail 68
From depth of 3.38 / 3.54 to 3.28 / 3.34 (surface)
Type of soil: Medium brown & stone debris

Pottery content: 10,775 gr. 435 sherds
40% coarse red cooking, 40% TS, 20% Fine
Dale: LM II. "Vat" for.

Other: Bone, rough plaster

Inventoried: C 6910 Bowl LM 1/11 (spirals);
C 6911 Bowl (floral motif) LM 11?; C 6912
Vaseoid cup LM 1; C 6924 Spouted jar MM 1B/11.

This surface is very rough, difficult
to follow in places, but clear enough
in others. The earth above separates
easily from that below, leaving
flat sherds, and charcoal or burned
carbon.

C 6933 Conical cup
C 6934 Closed vessel
C 6935 Cup
C 6936 Barbouline vessel MM 15
This morning one more pass is made through the area south of wall 6 with pail 67. When there is enough light, we will return to the surface exposed yesterday with pail 70 in the western extension. In the area south of wall 6, it is decided to leave a baulk measuring 1.00 m. from wall 5A for expediency's sake, hence the wildly disproportionate levels after pail 67 (see p. 156). A new pail is begun in the reduced area south of wall 6:

**Pail 71 (level 3)**
under pail 67
from depth of 3.32 / 3.38
to 3.19 / 3.24 (floor level)

Type of soil: compact medium brown with stone detritus & red-brown clay

Pottery content: 200 gr. 13 sherds, mostly T15 - Minoan, otherwise unidentifiable.
Other: plaster, rough

Encountered:

In the western extension, the rough surface is exposed throughout and much pottery (2 buckets) is removed. Then we begin a new pail to excavate a narrow strip 80 cm E-W at the extreme west end of the extension.
Levels in the western extension of 53A1 at bottom of pail 72 (surface level).

With this pail we intend to excavate down to the surface of the LM I pebble court at its extreme eastern extent (see sketch. A hard surface is encountered slightly above the pebble court. Is this the "Couring surface"? We stop here.

In the reduced area south of wall 6 a grey clay floor is exposed with pail 71. It is devoid of sherds or anything else, but is most definitely a floor (unlike the thick floor artifact pail 66). We stop here and begin to reduce the bulk in the east half of the western extension:

*Pail 73 (level 2)
under pail 63
from depth of 3.70 / 3.85
to 3.32 (approx.)
Type of soil: compact medium brown with stone debris & a few red-brown clay lumps.
Pottery content: 5,650 gr. 119 sherds, mostly coarse red, TB. Dale: LM1 "Val" Sr.

Other: bone, charcoal

Inventoried: C 6925 LM1 cup or bowl (1-hand, ripple decorations)

This pail is excavated with great haste, as this is the last day the workmen will be on the site. We continue downward to approx. 10+20m above the clay surface south of wall 6 and stop; it seems as if the surface exposed in the west half of the extension with pail 70 continue, a short distance further east, to the point where wall 6 becomes visible in the scarp south of altar L. The surface then peters out, or we have lost it, due to the speed at which we were working. A new pail is begun to excavate to the clay floor, working from the area south of wall 6 westwards:

* Pail 74 (level?)

under pail 73 & 70 from depth of: 3.34 (approx.)

Type of soil: Medium brown earth, very grey clay and a little stone debris

Pottery content: 3,635 gr. 169 sherds, mostly coarse red cooking wares

Dale: LM1 (on 2 conical cup rims)

Other: mud brick (?), shell, red & white plaster, clay lime

Inventoried: joins to C 6926

Locations of pails 51 - 74 in 53A1:

A & B: central square

C - E: western extension
Yesterday the clay surface south of Wall 6 was followed approx. 1.50 m west into the western extension with pail 74, before the workmen left for the season. Today we return to the site to follow the clay surface further to the west. Of interest is what happens west of the western terminus of Wall 6. East of this terminus, there are a few stones and little pottery on the clay floor; west of it, a good deal of pottery is found, as well as, a mud-brick (?), a large patch of fallen (or floor) red plaster pieces, and a coughed cooking pot (see Fig. p. 162). We continue to excavate westwards, and are confronted by a number of fairly large rocks. We stop here for the season.

Our final task is to clean the earth from the southern scarp south of Alter L in order to determine the extent of Wall 6. Having cleaned to the face of that wall, it is clear that the wall runs continuously from the eastern scarp of 53A1, (see sketch p. 162 bottom)

A section measuring only .70 m is not visible, at about the point where the wall disappears into the western scarp of the central square of 53A1. This, however, is too small a gap to constitute a doorway.

NOTE: in 53A a hole is poked through the "niches" (see p. 90 note) in Wall 4 from space 13 to allow for drainage. A hole will also be made in the collapsed part of Wall 6 for drainage. This work to be completed by the foreman.
FINAL PHOTOGRAPHS (roll 11)

53A: spaces A & B from south (frs. 17-19)

53 B: the continuation of wall B in the scarp. Top: from SE (frs. 9 & 2). Bottom: from SW (frs. 5 & 4).

53 B: south face of wall B, the corridor, wall G and the space south of wall G (frs. 7, 8 & 10)

53 A1: westward extension showing relationship to trench 528. From west (frs. 11 & 12).
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