clear that wall 3 ends where we thought. On the north face is an orthostate block, probably also robbed out from the w. end of wall 6, just to its north. It is 0.33 m thick and 0.50 m tall. To its south is a beautiful ashlar block 0.60 m N-S x 1.65 m E-W, as latter as traced.

We reach the original floor of the w. hearth. Its w. limit is where we suspected earlier. It consists of two small upright slabs totaling c. 0.42 m N-S and 0.26 m tall. Further, upright small slabs support the west side. As it is, it is 0.65 m N-S x 0.77-0.65 m E-W. The w. side is not at right angle to wall 6. Burning appears on the blocks of wall 6 c. 0.60 m up from the hearth's floor which is burnt red, orange, black, with patches of charcoal.

w. of the hearth 0.65 m from the w. end of wall 6 and c. 0.45 m to its north are found the scattered pieces of a stone vessel (bowl with a lug), also pieces of burnt clay and pieces of charcoal which we collect. A second pulse 96 is started. The fill is dry-sieved.

We finish tracing the surface of pulse 96. It is quite uneven. Starting at the west end of wall 6 there are the following features: two small stones on a N-S line (0.54 m) of which one is of lepies. To their w. were other scattered stones which the pickmen removed and under them appears what must be an earlier surface exposed c. 1.00 m W-E x 0.70 m N-S. There is burning and some small pebbles. To the w. at 1.30 from the wall corner the surface is very hard, earth and rises some 0.14 m. That upper surface slopes down towards the south and towards the east so that it is again flat in the w. hearth. N.W. of the hearth is a large area of ash. It is likely, therefore, that the two lower areas represent the actual floor and the raised ones accumulation above them.
we clean the area W. of the hearth to prepare it for photography. We shall also take levels. G.B. make a measured drawing (see p. 180). Pail 97 by the hearth contains use. A small gourna 0.16 x 0.14 x 0.005 m. is found in fill 112. 0.05 m. above a burnt surface we are reaching here. 0.20 m. N. of wall 6 and 7.10 m. away from its W. end. The circular depression c. 0.07 m. is very shallow. The fill of pail 97 is dry-sieved. Just as in Trench 53A we also leave a section of the E. part of the Trench unexcavated after the use of pail 95. Beyond that point we are getting close to the surface reached in 53A in its central area, i.e. just south of the E. wall (c. 0.17 m.).

Another woman reswaps with sand of wall 3 into the same pail 7.74. We have been using for the west area. There is rubble collapse from the wall and among it a slab 0.39 x 0.52 x 0.10, an almost complete rectangle. It is smooth on one surface.

In the area of pail 97, a suspected 2nd hearth, 2.35 m. E. of the 1st one (starting at the east side) turns up to be a feature of the lower surface, we see exposing now. It is made of burnt clay, like the piece we have been collecting and it rises against the wall, some 0.15 m. as preserved. One burnt upright little slab makes its E. end, but the stone, apparently some 0.40-0.45 m. away, is missing. On the floor is burnt clay and burnt stone, bits of charcoal. The red clay slopes down to wards the N. On the left (E) of the hearth is a thin dark fill and we collect a sample for dry sieving. Following the red clay surface we realize it is dipping down and goes under the tpin surface we were reaching earlier. We stop before we go any further. The tpin layer is only some 0.05 m. thick. The tpin may of course have been added in patches as time went on.
We turn to the area w. of the w. hearth (see p. 193 + plan p. 178). The level as reached in pail 98 was, unfortunately, dry

Pail 9:98 under pail 96 w. of w. hearth.

Brown earth + stones, some ash. All very soft.

From (plan, p. 180) to see p. 195.


LMI - LMII.

Other: plaster, charcoal, burnt earth from hearth, stone tool

Inv. c.7633: LMI bowl/cup fr.

The two small stones at the very angle of wall + scarp are found to sit on the near surface we are finding and we remove them. The surface is burnt with orange + black patches, and as | we
collect a sample of burnt earth just inside and outside the hearth. The bottom of the hearth is reached. Its east block is 0.48m. high. There is a small stone tool on the hearth which falls at

The earthy floor, flat on the surface, usually shattered to tiny pieces. The last layer in reddish orange with seen pieces of charcoal. We collect a large sample.

we assign a new pail for the very last layer over the floor.

Pail 9:99 under pail 98

Very soft, ashy fill

From just above (beads on plan, p. 195).

Shards: 1050 grs. + 30 sh. Some jars of decay.

Pithos (top pail) MMIII - LMII. Vest piece.

Other

# Pail 98 cont.d:

Other: stone tool from hearth, stone vase, frag
For photos see p. 143

Pail 10:102 Under surface W. & W. hearth
From (see p. 195) to (see p. 197). Under pail 99
Clay-like, terracotta colour. Compact fill.
Sheards: 2,750 gts. c. 140 sh. A few joins.

LMS
this wall several flattish small slabs appear, which look like a pavement, which being higher than the surface are likely to belong to the upper one (i.e. level 1). Some of the slabs, however, seem to continue further down. We shall take levels and photographs and test down the new surface (see p. 199).

Pail II: 103 under pail 102

- Compact earth, rather clayey
- From (plan, p. 199) to (plan, p. 199)
- Shards: 1200 sq. + 90 sq. - Four or more of cooking pots, bowls. Some sherds are burned. MMII-LMI
- Other: plaster, bone, shell

Inv. C7648: Cooking pot; C7642: Common weight piece; C7644: (join, pail 102). We leave a narrow 0.30 m wide of the surface we are digging through along the E side of the sounding. Also the area N of the sondage is beyond the above pail. The pebble floor of the pavement is some 0.06 m higher than further north, south of the shaft. The fill is very compact earth and clayey.

A plan is assigned to the strip which represents the court.

Pail II: 104 under pail 102

- Pebbles + earth. From Fer. levels see plan, p. 199.
- Shards: 300 sq. + 215 sq. - Not clearly datable - probably MMII-LMI
- Other: Plaster: P 69; C7648: Cooking pot

Right after a pan a piece of fresco 0.11 x 0.09 is found under the pebbles of the upper surface. It is banded with dark violet and light blue bands, red, white, G, B. Make sketches. Colour slide taken. This must belong to the first phase of Building T.
we remove 2 blocks which belong to the raised stylobate. Underneath after cleaning some dirt we expose four more blocks. These leaves a gap between the southernmost one and wall C 0.85m long. We poke with a peg and find that there seems to be an underlying block. We dig down and find a rough one, some 0.13 below the upper course we backfill the hole.

The stones which we took to be a pavement bottom out at the floor in the interior. On this floor and near the angle formed between the north edge of the slabs and the stylobate is a cooking pot in large flat sherds all level. We clean the area and photograph the sherds also the level (see p. 199).

At the south west corner, there is once again some sand on top of the surface being exposed with par 103. The surface is not very compact, but in the small area being investigated it is difficult to determine its exact character. The blocks of wall 6 still go down below this level. It should be noted that as revealed in Tr 52A south of 53A1 the “stylobate” blocks penetrated some distance down under the adjacent interior/ exterior surface with one more course. Also, the blocks of the stylobate in those two trenches had straight faces on both sides, i.e., they were rectangular. In trench 52A1, two of the blocks had a straight face only on the east interior side. The interior surface exposed last stepped down below the tops of these blocks.

Pails 103 and 104 mark the levels reached last in this trench on this, the last day of excavation for this season. Some cleaning and the removal of the fresco will be resumed on Monday.
Architectural Descriptions

Two major Minoan walls have been revealed: 3 and 6. Both end at the W. scarp, ce right on the east edge of the LMII pebble floor. Their west ends will act as 0.00 points in the following measurements.

Wall 3 It has been exposed for ca. 10.80m in the trench. It continues for c. 12.40m in Trenches 57A - 57A2. The facade is on the N and is built of large ashlar blocks, mostly 0.38m h., with a few shorter (0.22m) and wider (0.45m), and of small, rectangular, blocks varying in size (ca. 0.18 x 0.50m). There is a rough alternation of these two types of stones, with ashlar at the bottom course reaching so far, then smaller blocks then ashlar, then smaller blocks. A vertical chaser has been found in the trench, 0.13 - 0.15m wide, with the westmost one, perhaps intentionally, wider (0.20m). The placement of the chasers is as following (with 0.00 point at the end block of the wall): 2.00 - 2.20 m; 2.00 - 2.15 m; 6.73 - 6.86 m; 9.40 - 9.55 m. The exposed segments of masonry are uniform in width, except for the westmost one, which is shorter. More ashlar than smaller blocks are used in the end segment. The last block in the N. is 0.50 x 0.89 x 0.32m. The end block to its E. is 0.60m wide and exposed 0.18m h., and 1.74m long. The N. facade is preserved up to some 4 courses rising ca. 1.35 m. from the level reached. The width of the wall at the W. end is 0.94m. The W. face leans southwards and many of its blocks have collapsed. In the 23 courses exposed it is built mostly of small blocks, with occasional ashlar.

Wall 6 Its west end in this trench is partially covered by the marly...
of lepis and of the win press platform. The
facade is on the south. There was no time
to clean the wall top thoroughly and certain
areas, sections are not exposed without some rubble
on top. The east section from ca. 5.80 - 10.72
is the best preserved, flat at the top with
ashlar which seem to be in two alternating
sizes 0.75 and 1.10 m. South of this
section excavation penetrated only for 0.12 m.
The section west of here is covered with rubble
Any ashlar masonry must be underneath at
a lower course. The width of the wall in
the best preserved section is 1.02 m. The
westernmost block is 0.59 m. to exposed, 0.45 m.
wide and 0.87 m deep (N-S). To its south
is, strangely a small rough block, ca. 0.20 m.
N-S. If original rather than rubble debits
the wall would be wider by 0.03 m. than
the rest. There are other flatish rough blocks
in the gap between the two walls in
this location. There may still be a chance
to clear the area this year and clarify this
detail. The gap between the two walls is
0.35 - 0.38 m. The north, inner face of
class 6 has been exposed up to 5-6 courses
of small blocks, max. h. reached being 0.85.
The w. end block has a cutting, already
described. The walls total exposed length 23.47
(in P24 & in, Trench 57A - 57A 2).

Wall 7: The stylobate. It spans the distance
(4.02 m) between wall 6 and the E. pier of
the W-E slot of Building II. Stones are
missing at the two ends (ca. 0.85 m. at
S. and 0.25 m. at the N). The straight
face is to the E, indoors. The upper pebble
surface is flush with the top of the stones,
which range from 0.30 - 0.85 m. in dim.
There is no W. face. Therefore this is a
retaining wall, for the pebble surface.
The "goura floor" exposed in 53A is
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Sc. 1:50m. [Rubble stretched] 1984

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Areas w. burning