What looks like a stone implement, a small dark stone with one flat side, is collected from near the 'platform'. It is irregular in shape (1.5 x 10 and 5.5 cm deep). Also (seen again) pebbles well, on edge, is a small slab which has a shallow round depression (6.5 cm in diameter) on the flat side. It is irregular in shape, max. dim. 28 x 21 and 2.5-3 cm thick. Both pebbles are taken to be apotropaic.

In X1 the blocks have been removed as well as the little platform of each under them. The average level reached is ca. 5.56 (see p. 172). We now continue sieving.

Pail 7:82 under pail 7:9 and 7:7

For (see p. 172) to 5.44 W/5.56 E

Brown earth, organic clods

X1: Canaanite jar joins W. Pail 1:51

Sherd: latest LM IB overwhelmingly; No LMII

Completeness: e.g., + traces fuli ale path; human
corpus shapes; + Canaanite jar bodies

Bone (3); shell (3); ? chert;

5 cigarette boxes, of phd plaster;
bronze knife; frags; piece of bronze

Inv. B332 + bronze knife

21. Bianco makes a 1:20 drawing of the possible little platform in the SW corner of room X7

A new trench is opened (73 B) to catch the east half of Rm X6, partially, exc. in 59 A+B6A

Pail 1: B3+B3²

Sand - earth 1 in X6

From (see p. 180) to (p. 186)

Shards: Attic Lekythos fr. 475-450 BC

+ some Minoan

Oner: bone; modern coin

Inv.
Machine set at level 7.93
We go back to X7 and now that G. Bianco has drawn the possible platform in the SW corner we shall dismantle it.
We shall use:

- Pail 8: 81A = pail 81
- Latex: LMIB - III A1 - Tiny unit
- ... (continued)

G. Bianco checks the outline of Trench 73 B and suggests we go a bit further E to make sure to catch the E wall of X6. Workmen start cleaning the sand.

We reach the bottom of the platform which is 2 flat slabs in the same corner. We stop pail 81A. We now turn to the NE corner where we stopped at the level shown on p. 154.

- Pail 8: 84 under pail 81 X7
  - Plaster, brown earth
  - Fin: 5.24 to 5.05/5.03 (see p. 184)
  - Sherds; Mix - not clearly datable - not diagnostic - must be dated stratigraphically.
  - Other bag of plastic; 2 shells;
  - Inv. C9313 + C9314: 2 trefoil-marked jugs/lets

Work continues in X1 with pail 82 - shell organic debris. A couple of almost flat slabs, have appeared at the east end but with no orientation that relates to the walls. This space will provide great information about Minoan "menos".

In Trench 73 B we decide to extend the excavation to the west scarp of Trench 72 B. G. Bianco sells...
Trench 73A - Space X7 at bottom of pails 81A (in SW corner) and 84 (in NE corner). Pail 84 ended at the same level/surface as pail 67A.

NE corner in Room X7 at level of Pail 84 (bottom). From S.

In X7 a new wonderful surprise. Two juglets, like those found on the stone table are found on the floor. (at 5.05) This is the same floor on which are found C9310 and C9304 with pail 67A. They are next to the north wall and, in sequence 28 and 48 cm away from the east wall. They will be inventoried. The east one as C9313 and the west one as C9314. South Man is a slab which slopes down southward apparently following the inclination of the floor/surface itself.

In X1 we are into a difficult situation. At a distance of ca. 1.30m from the west scarp appear many pieces of painted plaster. The pieces are very thin and fallen from Brown shelter - shelter. They are small pieces and they break into even smaller ones so that we decide to stop digging them right away. A tiny piece still in the ground shows a white and a black/blue area divided by a straight line. There are many in a mustard yellow colour and one, retrieved, has a black pattern that is part of a V. The level of the plaster is at...
are frags of a larger cooking pot which the workmen unfortunately pulled out though the claimant they were "cozy" and indeed they are from a slightly higher level than when the upside down cooking pot sits.

In Trench 73B levels are taken after pails 81 and 81A and excavation continues with pail 2:85 under pails 83 to 83A. From (see p. 186) to (see p. 188) above X6.

Brown earth, compact and a few small sherds. Fairly pure 7c + 50-60 Min. (smooth, "pottery") pith + shallow basin 2 late 7c.

Other bone, bones, shells.


The plan of Trench 73B is shown on p. 186 with the hypothetical extension of the east and south walls of Room X6 which this trench is supposed to catch.

August 1st

The machine is set today at 8.03. M.C. shows the started in the east part to work on aspects of excavation in Tr 73A. José Schwarz is supervising Tr 73B and the next is her report, transcribed here by M.C.

Pail 2: 85 continues to be used. The pail is arbitrarily replaced.

Tr 73B: Pail 3: 86 under pail 85 from (see p. 186) to (see p. 188) over X6. Brown earth, soft sherds: Mixed Min. + C7: "Pottery" + wheel made + perhaps later. Transport...
Excavation continues with pail 86. The machine is set at level 7.92. We also go back to room X7 and shall dig down to the original floor in the NE corner, something we have not yet done.
Trench at Bottom of pit 87

618 6.18

6.14

6.15 6.16

possible stone tool

P.S. see note X-X to the east scarp of the trench (p. 136)

NE corner

Blocking wall

original wall

C - D - B: Level reached in excavation

Sketch 1:20 of elevation of North side of Room X7 (blocks of walls schematic). Levels correct.

A - B is the first floor of Room X7
C - D is a floor under the walls of Room X7
The original wall continues under the floor of 4.92. The blocking wall stops just above it as due the main block of the landing.

Pail 4:89 ended, pail 84
From 507/505/503 to 4.93/4.92
X7, Brown earth, perhaps sheerd, L-MI on base of large piece, but small one, go back even to PMIIR. Not diagnostic.

Other: bone, shell, bit of bronze

In 6.9251: fine deocr. jug

Joins with pails 66, 67, 80, 81, 94A

In Trench 73B (pail 83) there is a mixture of soft brown earth and of small pebbles. The latter presently appears in the south-west area. The workman is asked to remove the soft fill and leave the small stones, stratum. Unexcavated.

In X7 we reach the floor which is a vague one with a few pebbles. The real wall continues below it while the blocking wall was built above it. The original floor is at 4.92 but rises slightly towards the NE corner. The bottom of the blocking wall rises slightly to the east and slopes down towards the west from 5.05 to 5.00. On the other hand the blocking rests directly on the floor of Room X4 and must have been built right after the initial floor went out of use. This must also be the date of the landing.

We return to X1 to clean the plaster, PVA glue, etc which have been brought. The plasterers started at level 5.50. The pail (82) ended at level 5.44 on the w. at 5.56 on the east. The plasterers will be removed with pail 82A.

In trench 73B we reach a level of small stones which is higher
Trench 73 B  bottom of pail 88
1:50

In Trench 73 B there are many shards. There are also first speed and smaller, but always round, cobbles which along with the presence of iron suggest we are in 7th c. levels.

No architecture has appeared. There is a dark patch on the level reached.

Pail 90 (cont'd from p. 193) Post mortar variety of transport amph. E. Greek amph. hyd. + jugs - Some Corinthian scraps
Inv. C9278 : lamp nozzle, burnt
C9279 : Cypriot amph. handle; C9X80c = C7 decor. jug; C9281 = monochrome frag w. incised decor.; C9282 = LG cup rim; C9283 skyphos rim, wavy line HM III C - P.G.
Aug. 5

The machine is set at level 7.835. In 73B we are following the dark area in the SE corner and we seem to be approaching a surface. We take levels and change pail.

Pail 4: q.1 under pail 90
From (see p. 192) to (see below)
Above X6, Brown earth, stone chips
Shards: Mostly CT, little Min. and b.g.
Lips: one odd highly micaceous CT. Lg. Join w. 90.92

Other: shells, bone, burnt soil
Inv. C 9272 = n. 4 decal bowl / jug.

There are still small stones in the west once and the dark surface which seems to stop where the stones appear. We shall try to follow it in the rest of the trench. Leaving the rubble undisturbed.

Levels at bottom of pail 91
P.S. See note re east line of trench on p. 186 X - X

Levels in indicate

levels at bottom of pail 92
dark area

In 73B

Pail 4: q.2 under part of pail 91
From (see p. 194) to (see above)
Above X6, Brown earth, stone chips
Shards: Very mixed. MMII - LMIII B +

Other: bones, shells
Inv.

With pail 92 we turn to the rubble/shale chips in the west area. We also level the trench to check if the dark surface which is not to be found elsewhere. We again terminate pail 92 which is equivalent to pail 91. Some stones have appeared in the SW corner. There are a couple of stones also in the NE corner. We leave them in case they are parts of walls. We change pail.

Pail 5: q.3 Under pail 92 + 91
From (see p. 194) to (see p. 198)
Brown soft earth with a few small stones

Above X6
Shards: Mixed Min. to CT with more of latter at 96 Min. LMIII - Much cooking ware - E. Gr. bird

Other: shells from SE corner bone small fragments of objects, iron frag. / burnt fill
Inv. 32162: slate / jewellers mold?

In X1 plasters are being removed with the help of Nikos Phasoulakis. He is becoming a master of careful digging and extraction. G. Biondo is making drawings of fragments with patterns on them. The character of the pattern is not clear. SBS is having pictures (see p. 196)

In X6 the dark fill continues in the SE corner and we may now have reached the bottom of the surface. There are in-prints of bones. We collect the in-prints separately. There are no sherds here that belong to one vessel. They are small and unconnected. Farther away and still in the dark area more have been large sherds.
Roll 8, Fr. 30

The level is set today at +7.87

Pail 93 is being used in Trench 73B
One final job will be done in X7.
Here excavation stopped at two levels.
In the 2 mortars left earlier in
the North + northeast part of the room
and in the south and SW the level
stopped at what was thought to be
the initial floor of the room at 4.91.
Between the 2 mortar excavation
proceeded down to a level with slabs
thought to preceed the construction
of the rooms. We shall take
the remaining parts of the mortars out.
For the northern area we assign

Pail 8: 94 A under pecks 89.
From c. 4.92 to 4.87
Brown earth, clay like.
X7
Sherd: latest MT. date hand a blob dec.
cup/goblet, part of (C9251).
Jars: w. 66, 67, 80, 81.
Other: shells, bone.
Inv. C9251: five dec. jug.

We dig pan by pan. In the first
we find a flat slab with 2 little
rifer cantilevered slabs above it.
There is no indication of a surface and
we continue with the 2nd pan.
Wall 11 continues.
G. Bianco is making a tracing of
the lily fresco.

In 73B a small bronze tabret
like object w. engraved circles is
found. 90 cm from the N. scarp
and 100 m from the E. east scarp
(see drawing p. 198).

A number of plaster frags. have been
removed in X1. At the end of the
day there is a beautiful surprise.
MCS has been cleaning a large fragment
of a fresco. It had an ochre yellow
background and red lines that look
something floral, lily and more. There
were also white, very difficult to
detect. Some frags. higher up above
part of this frag. bad to be taken
out first. When the rest of the frag.
was exposed to daylight: a
beautiful white lily appeared again
on a light background. A floral
fresco at Kommos after 15 years of
digging! Giuliana Bianco has been
making drawings of the larger frags.
and we have been noting their positions.
She also draws the lily. Jus. photop.
it. Tomorrow Giuliana will make a
watercolour before we remove it.

Pail 93 cont’d from p. 195
Join pails 90, 91, 92, 96
C 9290 LIII C deep bowl fin
C 9281 b.g. oxecho w. series
bands
C 9292 late bowl frag
C 9293 foot of shallow bowl
I 76 body sherd of b.g. cup w. single
mark.

Aug. 6
With the third pass we decided to change pail in X7.

Pail 8: 95 A under pail 944
From 4.87 to 4.83
Clay-paste fill X7
Sherd.: Latest LM I (A?) Small unit mostly sh. exc. for worn con. cup Scrappy
One –
Inc.

In Trench T3B we arbitrarily change pail. We are roughly at the level reached in Trench 11A to the NW.

Pail 5: 96 under pail 93
X6 Rubble & lower soil
From (see p. 198) to (p. 200)
Shards: Latest Corin-Thracian A: cup h. 400
Much E7 Seen LM
Other rim for SE corn; here, perhaps, shell
In U. Curtains for SE corner - humus soil sample
C9294 – Ca. A cup h. 577 big rim +
pants of 4 letter EV
C9295 – rim + wall

In X7 things get complicated.

The north wall is found to penetrate deeper and to rest on top of a course that continues beyond its west end. Could this be an earlier wall, the one associated with the slab pavement found under the base of the east wall?

In X6 and at point ca. 5.64 there is what looks like a surface which is limited to the west half of the trench. At the south end stones continue with some blocks very large now. Perhaps we are...
P. S. see note (x - x fo. 186)

\[ \begin{array}{c}
5.66 & 5.64 \\
5.6a & \\
5.6b & \\
5.6c & \\
5.87 & \\
\end{array} \]

level at bottom of pail 96

find the south wall of the pit.

In the SE corner bullae have continued down to about the same level (5.63). Perhaps this was a pit. Bullae have been collected separately, as well as pieces of jar from that corner (as pail 96A)

Soil has been collected for water tests, we terminate pail 96. We start:

Pail 6:97 under pail 96 X6

Rubble from east adobe area in SE

From (see p. 200) to (see p. 204)

Sherd s, mixed down to 600 sub-Minoan

Join fragment C9291. Some PC.

Other: shells

Inv. I 79: b. g. cup base - Graffiti

E (?); C99378; small kalathos

Joins with 90-2, 96.
level set today at 7.94

We complete the excavation of the martyr first, started with pair 95A. It leads down to what may well be an MM surface with slabs. As noted yesterday there is a wall under 11 and under the blocking wall 13 which continues west under the landing. Perhaps this wall is also MM and goes with the floor we terminate pair 95A.

Next we turn to the martyr in the SW area. Here too we shall excavate in two stages, one with pair 94B (equiv. to 94A) and one with 95B.

Pair 8: 94B under pair
   Floor - c. 491 to 487
   Brown earth - x7
   Sherds - latest, LMTB - II, small unit -
   Latest, masonry plb faces, p1, MTB - LH
   Others: bone

We shall leave in situ the two slabs which represent the first floor of Room X7. The past is taken and the 2 slabs at the SW corner are found to sit on top of earth. They are removed and the floor directly under them goes to the same pair 8.

The new well under wall 11 and 13 projects some 12 cm.

South of the south line of the upper wall.
In Trench 73B the dark fill intensifies in the SE corner. It is obvious it is a pit, something that we not clear to the top. We set a separate pail apart for this area.

There are still fragments, bits of iron, bone parts, hardly any shards. We collect a new sample of dark earth.

Fr. 73B Pail 6: 97A under pail 96
East area of Trench
From (see p. 203) to (see p. 204)
Pit: Full
Shells: Not much, mostly CT
Min. -> LM11A!
Other: burnt fill, charcoal, bones, iron
Inv.

we finish digging the pit (see p. 204) It was of a roughly rectangular shape ca. 50 cm E-W and ca. 2.00 m N-S. Just
north of it appeared a nicely cut rectangular slab ca. 50 cm side which half disappears within the east
scarp. The pit also continues beyond this scarp. Pail 97 did not go much further down than pail 96. We
now start a new pail meaning to remove the lower soil and
reveal the strata of rubble underneath.

Fr. 73B Pail 6: 98 under pail 97
East (see p. 204) to (see p. 210)
Broom each
Shovels: Mostly min. - LM11B (see p. 204)
Other: stone spindle whorl; Kernos
Inv. min. cup; large weight: 2
stone tools, bones, shells
Inv: Kernos turned out to be Geometric, lid probably

Pail 98 (Cont. for p. 205)
Coarse stoneware jar + charred paqe cup
Inv. C9382 (base sgraffito; classical =
or Cypriot background ring f cup)
C9383 = knob of lid?
Room X7 with levels reached at end of excavation

Levels at bottom of pails 95A and 95B

Wall has been going on in X1 where layers of plasters have been extracted. This has been photographing the more substantial piece and C. Brancowitz has been making drawings. She is also keeping track of the location and sequence in a file of the fragments. Her drawings have been given separate numbers for each fragment she draws. There is a somewhat large fragment painted red on one end divided by black bands, in alternating colours: red, yellow, black. Outline are black. The red is very fugitive, the plaster is very cracked and crumbly. The colours fade somewhat.

In X7 we have left the 2 slabs at the south end of the room which represent Floor 1. Next to the larger southernmost slab there is an upside down conical cup. It terminates pale.

Pail 8: 95B under pail 94B
SW corner in X7
From 4.87 to 4.81
Sherds: intact conical cup

Other: piece of bronze.

Late: LMT (A?) Small unit, slab except for C9372 = mono-ptych conical cup
The level is set at 7.75

Work started in Trench 73B with the goal of starting yesterday 6:19. It appears that the accumulation along the south edge of the trench continues. It must be over the north wall of the room. Small stones scattered toward the east are being removed. Also, sand which backfilled trench 11A is being removed. A stone square found and what looks like a miniature Kerma cup are found among the small stones. The former is in the western central area, the other near the east and also central.

After a couple of pages, we start outlining the east wall of the room by following the line of it exposed in Trench 11A. The fill east of it is still a bit higher than where we made a probe to find the extension of this wall with M. Hence, we take levels and terminate it at 98.

In Trench 73B, the fill is at 8.99 under part of fill 98. From (see p. 240) to ca. 5.44 within level X6 is brown earth. Sherd S: LM II, Al, Small unit and bone; pebbles; shells.

We dig now next to the wall that is strictly within X6, with the first pan we reach a surface at +5.44. This matches...