In X4 we reach the floor in the east area of the trench and terminate with a line of masonry (see fig. 4). We shall now return to the west area previously excavated with a line of masonry (see fig. 5).

Pail 8.68 under pail 62: From (see p. 140) to (see p. 150)
- Brown earth X4
- Sherds: latest LMIIIA1, mostly small frags.
- Mixed MMII - LMII: joins pail 62
- Other: bones, shells, burnt earth

In V. Frag of dec. glas. pot. knob: Mi 190 C9192 - Cypr. base ring juglet

Two large slabs and a small area of pebble paving have so far been found in the east area of X4. The slabs in the west area need explanation and reaching the floor may provide an answer. Slabs found sitting on each and, therefore, belonging to the upper phase, will be removed.

In X7 we have run into a problem as to where the floor is. A slab is found along the south wall which is at the same level as the purple sherds. Slab in X4 on the floor (at 4.91) north of it there are no slabs and no floor and we dig deeper till we hit (or rather J.W. does) the floor at level 4.91.8.

In X4 great excitement. Frags of a patterned frieze are found in the fill 8 cm above the level of the floor at 1.80, from wall 2.
July 25

We continue with pails 67A (6 in x 7) and 68 (6 in x 4). JWS comes to the area and we have a discussion of what to do with the benches next. We discuss due digging again in X. Next we have a 3-way conversation with José Sabourin in charge of Tr 74A. We look at possible exterior walls of Building X. Her wall 3 is the western wall of X seems more like a shag candidate. What becomes clear in the conversation is that Tr 74A is a later outer wall. I note that wall #1 in Tr 73A is equally thick and sturdy. It appears that the north facade of Building X in the area discussed makes a jog. Wall Tr 74A 3 turns south joining wall Tr 73A 3 and then west joining wall Tr 73A1. J. S. says that her wall 3 was built post LM III A1. Here again we have evidence of 2 major phases in LM III, perhaps the 1st one terminating in LM III A1.
A little interesting discovery is made concerning the entrance into X7. The entrance slab seen in plan p. 148 strikes me as being a door jamb. I clean it a bit more and it turns out to be an L-shaped jamb base. This makes it clear that the north wall of the staircase extended further east than in its last and poorly built stage and up to the jamb. The actual entrance was blocked by wall 11 and the staircase landing built on a step to the raised floor with the stone table. One wonders if the staircase and upper floor were in use anymore.

Within X7 we have reached the bottom of the east and south walls. It is just below the flat slab found yesterday next to the south wall. Levels will be taken. Pail 67A is under this slab and down to the large slab found in the sounding further north represents material preceding the construction of the first floor. We stop excavation in X7 except for turning to the 'plaster spill' which we shall investigate.

In X4 we start removing some of the slabs which as we dug down prove to be sitting on earth. We also find a patch of pebble, with some burnt soil centrally in the area of pail 68. We collect the burnt soil. The pebbles are at level 4.97. The plaster near the west wall seems to stop at level 5.00. It looked at first as if we had a later surface but it is in fact the same surface we found in the east area of the room.
rising rather steeply towards the west. The purple slab was, at 4.89, that is some 11cm lower than the base of the west wall. At the transitional point between pail 68 and pail 63 used before in the east area, the workers' followed the level of the floor slab and cut through the floor where it rises up towards the west accidentally. The first of the blocked doorways into X1 (the wet one) also restored at it seems somewhat above the floor. The strange way it was constructed plus the observation just made, may suggest that this too represents a blocking. The definite blocking seems to finish at about the same level. We terminate pail 68.

Levels are taken in X7 after some dramatic developments. A new area with plaster is found fitting right in the NE corner of the room and sloping down toward the south and west like the "spill" we found earlier. Near the corner it is at 1.5.24, which is the same level as the slab next to which the brick was found with pail 61. The plaster has been followed by removing some of the slabs of the upper floor. Preserved at its top are many beach pebbles which suggest that this is a lime and pebble floor less likely is the possibility that it is marble collapsed from an upper surface. The plaster is preserved for 30 cm along the east and 45cm against the N wall. It is destroyed on the south with 05 max. Pres. width being ca. 20-25 cm, or.

The spill starts a little higher and at a distance of 30 cm—along the
east wall. It slopes down towards the west to a level where part of a small flat slab and where 2 complete vessels, a conical cup and still another brazier, are found at level 5.03 m. The segment of the slab in the corner is higher than the vessels which make one suspect that the plaster may have collapsed from above. The vessels are at the same level as the bottom of pail 66. What we have here may be the first phase of the pebbled floor in X7 which would lie just below the level of the landing. The pail being used for this exploration is sieved Pail 8:70 under pail 66.

From 5.25 to c. 5.00 - 5.03
Brown earth

X7

Sherd: latest LMII - IIIA1 - Small bowl
Not u. diaph.

Other: shells, bone, plaster, plaster, charcoal
In C 9309: conical cup; C 9310: brazier

In the meantime a workman had gone back to X1 where excavation had stopped with pail 32

Sieved Pail 5:69 under pail 32
From 6.14 p. 164 to (see p. 164)

X1
Brown earth

Sherd: latest LMII, mostly small cups
Lots w. pails 72, 74, 77

Other: shells, shells, fun siew; bone, bone fun siew

C 9233: horiz. h. bowl;

> bronze strips + pumice from siewing

> C 9234: mono-phd teacup; C 9235: blob - dec. con. c.; C 9236: Gips.-bas.-bowl
Roll 5, Fr. 34, 35: X1 at slab level, bottom of pail 69 looking west. Roll 7, Fr. 34, 35 West Wall of Room X4 and Room X7 from North.

Machine set at level +7.92. Photography and drawings have to be done before work continues. The workmen are sent to adjacent rooms excavated in Tr. 66A to remove drifted sand and silt. Taylor Dabney takes photos (see p. 160).

JWS and MCS have a consultation about Space X7. There is disagreement about the plaster belongs with the surface with the stone table and that the cups and brazier belongs to an earlier surface. JWS does not believe the plaster is intentional pavement at that corner but rather some dumped material. MCS thinks a partial pavement remains a possibility. A workman returns here now with pail 70. We remove the plaster 'spill' and bag it (under pail 70) and take a sample of the plaster in the NE corner in case it proves to be different when examined. Pail 70 is being used to trace the surface on which the two vessels belong. They are inventoried as C9309 and the brazier as C9310. Photos taken (see p. 160). The vessels belong at level 4.98 which looks like an early surface. It would go with the slab in the South area (at 4.92) which seems to be the original floor. The slabs lower down are under the level of the bottom of the south and east walls and, therefore, predates the construction of the house. We stop work here.

A workman in X6 removes some fallen blocks from the west wall of the room, near the NW corner. These fell last winter because of the reigns. It becomes apparent that the big tower-like
Pail 71 - cont'd from p. 163
join w. Tr. 66A + Pails 31, 34, 36, 37
(C8090 + C8092)

Invo. C8092 - LMIII A1 ring-hand cup
C8090 - LMIII A1 spouted jug

P.S. The above pails in Tr. 66A represent accumulation/use over a LMIII A1 surface located at Level 5.14 and sloping down slightly towards the north. This seems to predicate the construction of a later wall tucked against the west wall of Room X6.

The collapsed wall segment appears to have been sitting over a level sloping down for N-5 from 5.18 - 5.06.

pale of stones found in 66A on top of the back slab were also part of the collapsed wall which later was built against the east face of the original N-5 wall of the room. In falling, one of the heavy blocks made a hole within the fill of the underlying earth. The workmen found some absolutely beautiful LM painted sherds of LMII date. We assign a pail to this operation.

Pail 41 (equiv. to Tr. 66A pail 31)
Collapsed wall material in X6 against the east wall (see P.S. on p. 162).
< Sherd: Latest LMIII A1 - joins with 66A
much fine debris, not core, or storage jar. mom. con.
other... sand gathered.
Invo. see p. 162

The rest of the room is being cleaned of the sand. The earth underlying the collapsed wall has ended. The wall has an east return towards the north which is also built against the earlier wall.

In X1, pail 69 has terminated. Further sherds have appeared at 5.96, perhaps the pavement of cobbles, and slabs reached earlier with pail 32 (at + 6.05). The level in the central area of X1, excavated in 66A, is at 5.77 taken where there is a fine piece of schist slab. G. Bianco made a drawing of the level including the pavement so the slabs can be removed. We shall assign:

sieved:
Pail 6:72 under pail 32 and 69
Fm 6.05(w) / 5.96 E to (see p. 166) X1
Sherd: LM II + 1 possible LM III A1 (cup frag)
    joins with pails 69, 74, 77.
Other: shells + shell fur sieve, bone + sieved bone
Inu: C9233 - linear - horizontal - handles
    bowl.

We also undertake dismounting the many piles of little stones left against the east face of the north wall of the staircase we assign

Pail 8: 73
Cleaning of east face of N. wall of staircase.

Sherd: latest LM III - small unit mol
tone, fine, closed vessel - pot LM I
Other bone, shells, shells, bone

Inu: 1

The sand blocks been dangerously and
we dig directly to their west to make room
to set them straight, which we do with
the help of G. Bianco and 2 other
workmen. The tower is now vertical.
It will have to be cemented. Under
the pile of each of small stone removed.
From the east face are a couple of slabs
and then earth underneath. We remove
them and find the top of a block for
the original east extension of the staircase.
We terminate pail 73.

In X1 the slabs found with pail 32
are removed. The fill under them is
soft earth and quite a few
shards. We dig a couple of pans
and find a line of N-S stone
at a distance ca. 1.90 ft
the west scarp. The pointed
cone extends another 75 cm.
We arbitrarily terminate pail 72.
This is at 5.86 near the co. scarp.
5.88 where the stones are and 5.80 Kyp.
Trench after pawl 72 (A-D)

July 29

One of the pickmen missing today. Work continues in X1 with pawl 74. The machine is set at level 1/7.90.

The fill in X1 is quite soft. There are occasional bits of charcoal, a small piece of a fish bone shell, bone and shell. It looks like a dump. As we dig in back of the blocking of the door on wall 2 we find there is at the top (on the north side) a pedestal stone vessel built into the wall. We retrieve and call it under pawl 74.

It is in two fragments and is preserved about 2/3. The drain is 21 cm. and of the hollow depression ca. 12 cm. Drain at base is ca. 10 cm. The height is 11 cm. We collect a sample of soil for water ease as it may have organic content.

We terminate pawl 74 when we reach the level at which excavation stopped in 66A. What was thought as a possible step on Friday turns out to be a slanted stone wall near such stone to the west. The stone slope down to the west. The fill is still...
Pail 75 bottom shown above

Bottom of Pail 77 (also A-D) in 5.57 at W and 5.60 at E ends.

Pail 8: 76 cont'd
- Inv. C 9311: contents sieved: ashy fill with specks of charcoal (will be waterstewed) and has signs of burning. C 9312: contents only soil.
- J. Rutler: C 9311 - CP "chalice"
  C 9312 - CP "chalice" with trace of burning or bubble part of bowl

...so that in the west area while beyond the slanted slabs it is firm. We take levels (see p. 168) and shall now dig only in the soft fill west of the slanted slabs.

Pail 6: 75 under part of pail 74 Brown earth
From C 9311 to C 9312
X1 joins with 74
Sheeds: Late LM IIIA1-Small Unit Absence of cairan. LM IIIA1 patterned suggests to be LM IIIA1
Other: shells, bone, pumice, yellow plaster
Innu...

...we start a couple of new projects. One is to cement the end wall of the north wall of the staircase. We shall have to also add some stone in course just behind it (to the west to provide) further support. A young workman, Xapidaes Myrailwrizako, has experience with masonry and will do the job.

The other project is that the part of the stone slab on top in X7 will also have to be excavated, we shall remove the slab and glue it and restore it. For the earth under its top slab and the removed we assign...
Surprise! 2 conical bowls appear under the removed slab of the table! They sit on a surface laid out with some grey clay. An obviously fallen thick piece of a rim (vitis?) half under half outside the table is removed.

In X1 we seem to be getting to a level with stone chips. It slopes down slightly from E (5.66) to W (5.62). We chip-sieved Pail 7:77 under pail 75.

Brown earth.

Fro E (5.67)-W (5.62) to 5.60 E/5.57 W X1

Sherd:  LMT - little decor - Cypriot base-ripping body sherd, 1 Canaanite jar sherd
Other: shells, bones, pld plaster
Inv. C9233 - linear horizontal handl.
Join with pails 69, 72, 74

Photographs are taken of the 2 bowls under the table (see p. 170). The southern one is C9311 and the northern one C9312. (Also colour.) The construction of the table has become clear. On the south side a stone of the wall juts out and forms a ledge. On the north side there are 2 upright slabs. The east one is slightly taller 25-30 cm and rests on a small slab. The interior dimensions are 43 N-S × 33 E-W. The north slab is 9 cm thick. We now remove the slabs where we have already outlined the dimensions of the table to reconstruct it. The east under the cups will be cleared down to floor level.

Space under stone table in SW corner of Room X1 after use of pail 7.6 and with C9311 (left) and C9312 in situ. Level at bottom +5.215
Now we shall proceed below the surface on which the table rested.

Pail 8: 78 under pail 61 and 76
From 5.25 to (see p. 176)
× 7

5 sherds: Latest LMI - Dipped Linea conical cup of LMI-III A / large vessel: part

Grass 3 + photo same speeded up as in pairs 67,80,81
Other: bone, shell, charcoal; so far burnt each

In u.

We remove the slabs directly east of the table and find another horizontal slab under it with ash and burning. We collect some of the ash in a box.

In XI the situation is puzzling.
The fill in 77 is still soft. There are bits of yellow ptd plaster + bones.
We are now below the level at which excavation had stopped in 60 + in the E. area. Perhaps that was a real floor although there are some flat slabs and blocks (though not level). We finish pail 77 arbitrarily and start now in the E. area, including the part of pail 74 not excavated with pails 75 and 77. The end of pail 77 is at
The distance of the next pail is 2.30 from the E. wall

Pail 7: 79 under pail 74 + Tr 66A

XI
Sherds. (See p. 172)

Other: coarse plaster (2); bone (2); shell (2);
bronze fish hook; stone tool?
1:1 scale
Cross section of
5YR 3/2
5YR 3/3
5YR 5/8

The underside is an orangey color (5YR 5/8), the upper part gradually for a lighter (5YR 3/3) to a darker (5YR 3/2) brown color. In fact, the darker part is clay-like. The orangey underside is dryer.

In X4 we have started removing fill from under the floor of the stone table (using pal 78). We came across the red burnt earth fill or rather layer noted earlier, but much more intense now near the west wall. It continues west under the north support of the table slab and under the little slab under the large slab we removed immediately east of the table. In that sense the red layer may well be somewhat earlier than the floor of the table, though the red burning was visible in the particular floor. The red layer is clay-like but not baked. It slopes down towards the east. We follow it and ultimately remove it. A whole bucket is collected with one well preserved piece described on p. 174. Since some of the incense burners were found in that location it may be that such burners were set. On the other hand, the little flat slab under the ash east of the table is a good candidate.
Levels at bottom of pail 78

- area from which red/burnt layer was removed with pail 78. The level in that location represents removal of earth under the burnt layer. The red layer started at c. 5.21 against the west wall and sloped down gently towards the east. Its bottom levels were 5.165 at W + 5.065 at E.

(For details + levels reached in remaining room see drawing, p. 154.)

Pail 80. contd from p. 177 for Sherd:

Join with Pails 66, 67, 81, 89, 94A

Inv. C 92.49 - mono-phd con. c.
C 92.50 - mono-phd cup/goblet.
C 92.51 - patt. dec. fine closed vase

Machine set at level +7.865.

Jose Sabourin is on sabatical today and I inherit 2 of her units. The north wall of the stairway continues to be reconstructed and cemented. George, Harold’s fellow, continues the work on this project.

Pails 78 (in X7) and 79 (in X1) continue to be tilled and sieved.

In X1 earth removed around slabs revealed in Tr 73A reveal other flat slabs underneath. Some of the upper slabs found to sit on earth are here removed.

In X7 the burnt clay-like layer is now completely removed. It has cleared away from the a rough level that slopes down from W to E, from +5.165 to +5.06 m. The area where the red layer was encountered in this pail is max. 80 cm W-E and 54 cm, starting from the north end of the west wall. At 5.06 m is a bit of charcoal (as found at the bottom of pail 65). We seem to reaching a tentative surface. While there were no sherds high up, frages of a small cup turn up. We terminate pail 78. We shall continue.

CONTAMINATED?

Pail 8: 80 under pail 78
From (see p. 176) to Brown earth
X7 Sherd; LMD. - see p. 176
Small unit
Other: bone, shells

Inv. (see p. 176)
At level + 5.01 we came upon some flat sherds and a flattish surface limited to the south end of the pill, beyond that are stones sticking out. We take them out to see if the surface slopes toward the north and we find more are more stones. These are cobble- and large stone chips, like a rough floor packet. As we remove them we find more. It appears that near where the landing was placed later they disturbed the pre-existing floor. We stop pill 80 at 2 levels. (seq.) The presumably undisturbed surface at the south end will be excavated with pill 81.

Pill 81: under pill of pill 80
Earthen stone chips
From (see p. 178) to (see p. 180)

X7
Sherds, late, AM1, eroded, identical to pill 79 - join pills 66, 67, 78, 80, 89, 94
Others: shell, bone, rubbing stone, slab w. dep.
Inv: C9249 - more ptd Chr. Cap.
    C9251 - pattern ptd fine clay sherd 52160

In pill 81 we take pictures at the level of pill 79 (see p. 178) and the level. The stones drawn in the measured plan (in 172 above) sit on earth will now be removed and the level under them brought down to the bottom level of pill 79.

In pill 87 we reach the original floor at the same level as the slab found near the south wall about a week ago. There is a little platform of small stones and slab built in the SE corner of the room. Here ends pill 81.