The machine is set at level 57 in X4 and with pail 57 in X7.

In the large room in the burnt area, the area has become more defined. It looks like fallen debris. Its location and dimensions are shown on p. 120.

A cobble, a possible tool from this location is collected. The burnt materials are excavated and a sample collected, a in the previous days. The burning was found to be superficial, some 10 cm deep.

We take levels and arbitrarily change pail in X4. As we may be proceeding from materials, fallen from an upper storey to a stratum which represents a floor deposit. The level designation is changed.

Sieved Pail 7:60 Under pail 59
Firm (see p. 116) to (see
Brown earth and stone debris)
Space X4

See → Sherd, LMA-Large dep. Joints pails 55, 59,
WP: 12, 60A, 63A, 62, 59

Ohm: 2 pieces of bronze object
Inv. See p. 120 and p. 124

More and more of the sherds, of the larger pots are being exposed in pail 60 and the level of earth is lowered.

Exploring the entrance into X4 we find a large slab set perpendicular to the east end of wall 11. It is like a threshold: it is 48 x 74, roughly rectangular and slanting down slightly from W to E from 4.975 to 4.92.

Large canted stones, and some slabs are being removed. A third level

Floor Deposit in X4 (Pail 7:60) Inv. (cont'd on p. 124)
C 9006 conical cup
C 9007 " "
C 9008 " "
C 9009 closed shape (sherd)
C 9010 char-painted cup
C 9011 handled cup used as lid for
C 9012 painted pyxis (cf. p. C911)

Stones collected as tools # 1, 2, 5 are not
lost
S 2146 stone tool # 3
S 2147 stone tool # 4
S 2137 stone lid of miniature
S 2138 stone bead
S 2139 " "
S 2145 stone bead under (C9011-9012)

Found in watersieving
S 2138 stone bead
In X7 there are exciting developments. First, sherds of a large vessel (jar or amphora) are found in the SE corner. The large cup is found 40cm from the "table/bench" and c. 25cm from the south wall. Next, a stack of cups and a brazier in one group are found just east of the north E corner of the table/bench. We are still above the level of the landing we exposed yesterday at the bottom of the steps.

MCS trisects, new details of wall and continues drawing her 1:50 so plan of the trench. All fills are being sieved.

In X7 we find a second brazier 70cm from the E. and c. 15cm from the south wall. In the east part of room we find a whole paved area. It appears that this is a mound of secondary use, and since it seems to stop some distance from the west wall this might explain the partial blocking of the north entrance noted a few days ago. The pottery in the west half of the trench sits on earth at about the same level. Also the table seems to have rested on an upright slab of which we find the bottom just below the level, presumed to be a Flow Surface. It appears that we went through this surface in the small area east of the staircase where he reached the landing yesterday.
Simultaneously, a surface of earth is located in the large room. It is reddish in some areas. It seems also to be of a secondary use for the tops of plant blocks have appeared at several locations, especially in the west area and alongside the walls there. The level is taken down to that surface everywhere in the room and it is found that the sherds end there as well.

Levels are taken in the trench after pails 60 and 57 are terminated at surface, of secondary use in X4 and X7, respectively. JWS takes many photos of the deposits in situ in the two rooms (see p.124). A Bianco draws the floor deposits. C#s are assigned to complete vessels or to those extensively preserved. This is pay-day for the workers, so JWS cannot be there when the pots are taken out. We decided to take the small one and leave the large one for Monday. Hugh Sackett comes suddenly for a visit with a group of students! A restaurant owner, we know from Kalami, came too. Members of our team working at Pitusaia came too. Among them are Taylor Dobney who subsequently photographed the whole process. It is exciting, hectic and rather last down Maron wall, cutting off the air.

Photos continued on page 126
Floor deposit at bottom of wall 60 in Space X4. View from East. Vessels noted above were removed on Friday, July 19.

Continued from p. 124

Fr. 30, Roll 4
C9010 from South Room X4

Fr. 32
C9004 and C9005 from East

Fr. 31: 2 Conical cups, lower: C9006; upper C9007

Fr. 32
Staircase and landing in from East

We then removed small vessels in the larger room. Particularly interesting was the removal of the pyxis (C9012) with a handled cup or a lid. The pyxis was complete and was painted with red patterns. Lifting it from the ground revealed a small stone lid. This was left in the earth for Tus to see. One can be excavated for lid and in the piece also found two stone beads and a fragment of a pin-like object in bronze. At that point it was time to leave.

The deposits in the two rooms are the best found so far at Potamos for the LM period. Fragments of the larger vessels will be removed on Monday.

Back in the Apothiki Jerry Rutter told me he found a fragment of a snake tube in one of the pits from Room X4, with all the incense burners and braziers found one becomes suspicious of a religious function.

The position of pottery on the floor of X7 is given on p. 122 above. The groups of pottery are labelled here as A - E. E = a large vessel has been left at the site till Monday. Stack A consisted of one conical bowl found upside down with two conical cups, also upside down, under it. In group B the brazier was right side up and the few stacked cups still in place. Group C consisted of two oblique cups open side up. D + E are fragmentary.

The deposit in Room X7 will be described more extensively on Monday when G. Bianco finishes her 120 drawing and the larger vessels are removed.
Photos of X7 from SE at level 9.
floor (c. 5.30) after removal of floor
pottery. Roll 5, Fr. 3. Also colour

Machine set at level 7.92

Monday, July 22

Much `dainty' work has to be done today.
G. Bianco starts drawing the larger vessels
not removed from X4 on Friday. We
also clean the `floor' in X7 to photo-
graph it after the removal of all pots.
Levels are taken. The average level on
the west side is c. 5.30. On the east
the slabs are somewhat higher c. 5.35
Some stones occur at the SE corner. The
table is found to be resting, as suspected
an upright slab of which only the north
one has been exposed. A small sound,
proved that its base, at c. 5.23, lies
1.7 cm below the floor. The slab is
30 cm long, 13 wide and 8 cm thick.
The top of it is oblique, the bottom
squared. The level one shown on the plan,
p. 122 above. Photos are taken from SE
(see p. 128). The floor is rather rough.

We shall take the level shown now

Pail 4/61 under pail 57
From ca. 5.30 to 5.22
Brown earth

Run X7

see p. 128

Spoon: hat 2.48, large shards, Dale
Other: See p. 128

Ino. 52143, steatite seal w. bird

As soon as we start digging we find
a triton shell and right against he
sink wall a conical cup upside down.

Cleaning around the table has revealed
a second upright slab behind (west) of
the one described. One more slab is
found in the west area. It seems as
if we had not reached the actual
level with pail 57 and that the slab

Pail 4/61 cont'd from p. 129
join with pail 57

Other: soil for water-sieving; collection of
pebbles; triton shells; piece of plaster, shell
burnt earth; top of stone table; brush-sieving - branded
Inc. C9308; brazier; & C9306-C9307, Conical
cup: C9014; sherds of large vessel: Camaanjin
jar.
floor had subsided. Some burnt earths is found just north of the table and just east of the west wall. It was above this location that the complete brazier was found earlier on.

In Room X 4 we start work again. We remove the large vessel (C 9003) right next to the entrance and the window. The soil under it is being sieved separately. Also, JWS undertakes to water-sieve the soil under C 9011-9012 (the pyxis + cup). A great number of small bivalves appear scattered underneath.

We now start removing sherd of another large vessel from the SE area of the large room (C 9004). We collect the soil under it for water-sieving.

In X 4 removal of slabs which were slanted reveal more pottery underneath. There is also a new brazier.

In X 4 we start removing C 9005. This looks more like odd sherds. Directly to its west are some red coat sherds which we are going to collect with the group. The earth under this lot will also be sieved. A round sherd, cut from the bottom of a pot, is found. It has some burnishing and may have been used as a hot plate!

Sieving in X 7 yields the find of the season so far: a sealstone with a flying bird on it! The workmen at Studios Demitraou find it. Jose Sabourin also found just a little while ago a seal with a checkered pattern from MH 1 levels in 74A. There is
a dance! The bird seal is drawn (see p. 130). We have, in the meantime, found more flat stones, and decide to terminate pail 61 at this possible floor level. The deposit consists of 2 conical cups, a brazier and a Triton shell - also the beautiful seal!

In X4 we have removed all inventoried pots. We shall now clean down to the floor using the label.

Room X7 is photographed after pail 61. B. Bianco makes a drawing of the new deposit and of the floor (see p. 132). Levels are taken. The floor slopes slightly from E to W, from ca. 5.28/5.26 to 5.22. At 5.22 is a small flat slab which served as a foundation of the north "cap" of the stone table. Just east of the table is a floor slab which is the space between an accumulation of small pebbles. Directly n. of the slab is a Triton shell.

The pottery is labelled: the conical cup against wall 8 is C9306, the brazier (C9308) and the second conical cup C9307. There are about 8 slabs in the floor pavement.

In X4 we terminate pail 60A which must be considered an interface between the floor and its bedding. A whole line of stone, that appears along the north wall, steeply down from W (at 5.18) to east (to 5.11). There are flat slabs mostly to the west.
area but their pattern is not clear. The average level reached beyond the north line of stones is c. 5.11. With a slope towards the E (c. 5.07) we start digging here again.

Part 7: 62 under part 60 and 60A. From ca. 5.11 to 5.30 (see p. 140

Brown earthenware

Sherds: latest LM II IA, w. LM IB2 (= piece of C9167; Canaanite jar). Much MM III + LM I in small pieces.

Others: stone weights, stone tool?, shell/h, bone, blue plaster, plaster bits, ?ochre pigment

In u.

52151: stone weight; 52157: stone tool

C9167 - Canaanite jar; C9192 - Cypr. base ring

In X7 we collect everything, including some burnt material from next to the brazier C1308.

As the day closes plaster is found in room X4, apparently in situ on the north wall of the staircase of which three courses have been revealed so far, preserved as they were rather than as the segments at E and W ends higher up which are leaning east and north respectively. The end wall on the east in particular is leaning like a tower and will have to be straightened out. The construction of the wall of the staircase (wall 13) is similar to that of wall 3 and different from that of wall 2.

Wall 2 shows now a clearly blocked doorway. This starts 3.18m from the east end of the wall and is 0.90m wide. The blocking is better preserved, ca. 1.95m high with a couple of blocks above the level of the slabs found in X1 (max. height 1.03 m.)
Roll 5 Frames 10:13 Room X4 during pail 62: Wall #2 and its blocking.

14 x max. 7.5 cm
hole ca 2 x 2.3 cm.

Pail 8: 63 cont'd

Other obsidian flake, olive pit + seed;
charcoal from near window

Pail 8: 63 cont'd

Other obsidian flake, olive pit + seed;
charcoal from near window

Sieved Pail 8: 63 under part of 60' + 60A east area of Room X4.
From 5.07 to (see p. 140)
Bowl 1.7
Sheets: Latest LMIII A2
[CONTAMINATED]
< Other; plaster; bronze ring; perforated bead
Inv.

We also turn to Room X7 once
again and decide to take the level.
North wall of staircase with leaning wall end - From N

Stone table in X7 - from E

don, though we shall probably leave a mortise of the floor level, surely where the stone table is. Here we assign:

Pail 8: 64 (under pail 61)
From 5.24/5.22 to 5.10
Brown, clay-like earth
Room X7
Shovel = latest LMIII A; Tiny Unit; mostly dec.
Juglet with jii patt. uncertain whe. in LMIII A
Other: charcoal; pebble w. incised lines
In.

Not a tool

Directly north of the table and against the west wall there is burnt earth, noted a little higher previously but now more intense. Its level is 5.21

In pail 63 we clean right at the entrance and find a bronze ring right next to the north jamb. We also find a flat slab under the jamb which would have held the door frame. We search across, next to the south jamb, and find a similar flat slab. This is L-shaped. This means that the door closed against the south jamb.

In the other room (X7) we have reached the level of the staircase landing. Stairs of the upper floor are not removed. Where we go down and centrally in the room is an accumulation of pattern painted shards of a fine vessel. They are at level 5.12. They are collected as:

Pail 8: 64 A at 5.10
LMIII A - tiny unit - shreds of a dear.
Juglet w. degenerate foliate band jii
An accumulation of shells spotted earlier turns out to be larger. It consists of brockelites and 4 shells at the wall of the window in X4, extending some 40 cm west. Not far from here and near wall 3, cobbles, possibly tools are left here in case they are part of a floor. We make another probe in the ceiling and reach the bottom of the door jambs but there is no obvious floor and no threshold. Sieving of pail 63 culminates in an olive pit, a perforated shell made of a pebble and with incised line as decoration, an obsidian flake are found in the sieved fill.

In X7 except for the shed, noted the fill is almost pure earth and we stop the sieving. While so far has yielded nothing. At the level of the shed (at 3.10) we terminate pail 64. A large piece of softish plaster is lodged between one of the upper floor slabs and the east wall of the room. We shall leave it till we reach the bottom of 64. We shall take the level down again.

Pail 8: 65 (under pail 64) X7
From 5.10 to 62 (see p. 144)
Brown earth, small stones, sherds, small unit: L91 - uncertain date
Other: plaster, shells, red clay, plaster, bits
In
Space X7

There are pieces of plaster, mostly disintegrated and coarse. One small piece comes out broken. Is
red. Against the west wall the mass of plaster noted earlier seems to continue under one of the floor slabs. We remove the slab and find out that it does. We have left a marble unexcavated under the stone table and so far have not removed but one slab from the upper floor. The space being dug is rather limited. We are now preceding the level of the landing and wish to find out whether one may have stepped down onto the original floors of XT.

In Room XT the problem of the original floor solves itself beautifully. The workmen digging pail 63 reveals a spectacular slab of purple schist that glitters brilliantly in the sun. It is near wall II but somewhat west of the doorway. Right west of it is a brownish slab. This has taken a color picture of the purple slab. The other slab has fallen plaster on it—only its back is visible now.

A small stone weight is found in XT just west of the north block of the window (see p. 142). It is flat at the top near the perforation and is likely to be for fishing nets rather than a loom weight.

The level of the purple slab is at +1.89.
Room X7 at bottom
depth of pail 65

area left as a masonry ...
upper floor

accumulation of plaster which slopes down from E-W 5.25 - 5.09

"patch of burning

Pail 8: 63A (see p. 144)

Other: 2 diff. samples of burnt material: bone (from sieving), shells (from sieving)
clay weight, piece of chert, ? stone tool, pebble, piece of bronze from sieving,
ivory shells (accumulation near window collected as Pail 63B)
possible stone tool: # 1 - 4: S 2152 (#8)
S 2153 (#4), S 2154 (#2); S 2155 (#2)
Photos in X+4 of shell accumulation next to window from W. Roll 5, fr. 23+24. Also plaster spill in X+4 from S.W.

A drawing was made by M.C. of the slabs against wall 2 and 5 (sherdly in the area of pail 63). The little mound with the shells will be photographed and subsequently removed still in pail 63. Also with this pail will be removed 3 possible stone tools.

1. in 1.70 ft- E. wall and 30 cm from N. wall. Its level is at 5.08 ft.
2. 3 are near each other 55-60 cm from the east at 10 cm from the N. wall. Photos are taken of the shell accumulation. (see p. 146) Also of the plaster "spill" in X+4. A fourth tool is found also 10 cm. above the floor and 2.30 ft from the east and 1.35 ft from the north wall. Now the mound with the bivalve shells will be excavated. It will go under the
Label 67

Pail 8: 63B acc. of shells

The shells will go into the general pail 63A which is being sieved.

In X7 the plaster continues, further to the west and north and under the slabs we have not removed. There is a flat short, round and slightly burnished, roughly in the center of the room. Elsewhere there are stones, partly out of the fill and what looks like a larger stone/block. Here we also remove a sample of the burnt area mixed at the bottom of pail 65, top of 66, for water sieving. It turns out that the deep red, brick-like structure is quite widespread and continue, under the plaster, with the table.

Now the workmen dig a pit with pail 63 finds the original floor at p.5.8 m. into X7. It is of flat slabs.

The "landing" of the staircase sits on top. J.W. suggested that at least the east block of the block set on edge were placed here when the floor was raised. This makes good sense as well as the west block being the final step of the original staircase. We terminate pail 66 to be able to dig the remaining fill down to the expected floor within X7 separately.

The slab's level is at 4.92 m.

Pail 8: 67 under pail 66 found earth, some slabs, small stone from 5.00 m. to 4.90 m.

X7

Sheets: latest LM II much ground up MM II - unit of a medium coarse spouted jug in u. poor condition.