40A. M10. Another row of MM pots (MMM) appears in the "sottoscala," partly excavated in 1980. Above, a plate, and noon bridge-spouted jugs. All upside down. Keeping vases upside-down seems to have been a tradition — for the sake of hygiene? (no dirt could fall in).

41A S5. The trench on the south continues down. GB draws the pots still in situ.

42A M5. A fine floor is finally reached: burned and almost cement-hard. This will be cleaned and part of the trench will be raised down into MMM and up to ground water level. Part of the northern section will be opened inside to ascertain any east-west ashlar wall that may appear: a dreary job.

43A. MD. As the northern part of the trench goes down we notice that the A1 building may be founded on the walls of another, giving even more reason to suspect that there may have been earlier buildings with S of A2. Shortly 1.M. will open a trench in order to ascertain the real situation.

44A 1.M. A fine pebble pavement is found beneath the one already reported, and this continues below the eastern wall discovered, thus the pebble pavement and I anticipate every wall discovered by 1.M. so far this year. The situation is an extremely interesting one.
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40A 2.6.1. Cliffs finished (I hope). The area is one puzzle superimposed upon and superimposing on itself another, one sheet after another.

41A S.S. Slow progress. On Monday 41A will be extended slightly.

42A M.C.S. Dreamy not so dreamy. M.C.S finds almost right away what looks like an iron age hearth near a wall of what may be a Neolithic wall. The snow is very burned and so less in relation to B's outside area than it suggests that the visible area may be later than the beginning of B. It is too early yet, however, to be sure.

43A M.D. Much rubble (probably the hilltop) and overlying sand being encountered. M.D or Salphrids on Monday in order to catch up on their section and part, a break before final report writing after August 14th.

44A J.M. Discontinued.

44B Going down through a deep layer of stone chips in a pit, they may belong to A1 or could be there left around outside A2, or both.

Payday - 77,000 Δ just for the women, not including $1A (35,000).
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40A. J.W. finds a slab floor underlying the multiple floors which he has been excavating; this probably means that we will complete this area in a few days.

41A. SS., upper levels: two wells are removed as planned, one a retaining wall south of oblong house, the other a muro, unconnected wall south of the pithos room. Both removals, well recorded, will give us more complete access to the MM rooms below.

42A. MCS. Excavation on the southern sector, just above water level, a bath tub or basin with filling, a presumably horizontal (mnr.II) clay floor. The first object of this type to come from the site, and worth some thought. On the north of the Temple B alcazar we catch, as I fondly hoped, what appears to be an extension of the passage wall coming in from the west, under the various temples and forming the north wall of B + A.

43A. M.D. in Pitsidia, studying.

44D. No substantial results now.
40A. Many pots becoming exposed in a
lead, heavy grey clay gone 0.30m. above
the slab floor in adjoining rooms from
a previous year.

41A. S.S. Tomorrow we should be close
to floor level. Above floor level on the
north, most of a lovely MM III jar
is recovered that will fit into large
fragments already recovered.

42A. M.C.S. The north part of the trend,
which looked as if it would produce
little, reveals even more clearly than
before that we now have an extension
of the E-W wall mentioned in yesterday's
report. One of the facing blocks on the
north, still not completely measured, is
at least 2.15m. long, the longest
block yet found at Khiroko and among
the largest known from any Minoan
site in Crete. Apparently it was used
as the southern wall of an Iron Age
structure. M.C.S has found
significant surfaces (floors, burned,
flagstone) and just as the
day closes a fine firebox, a bull's
horn, and a nest of broken pottery.

43A. Finally the sand overlaying
is cleared from the pile of rubble
along the northern side of the trench.
The V-shaped body of sand is
found to fill a mud brickway,
roughly constructed leading
north. A full description will
follow - in the meantime we will
clean sand from the walls' base
on the south.

44B. Into Minoan, unfortunately the
Iron Age material is limited.
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40A. Cleanup and photography of This complex area.

41A. S.S. Cleanup continued. A nest of pots, including a fine plain pot, on an upper level in the room west of Dolphi’s pit. Both room. This trench will require only 1/2 day work to complete.

42A. M.C.S. More from the material north of the E-W wall. PG Choi / E Geometric (= late Aj early B). This wall becomes enormously thick (1.38m), and the block mentioned yesterday is 2.68m long, the second-longest block that I know from Minoan Choi (from Ph.), surpassing even the blocks I knew from Knossos. A large block set in vertically is also amazing for its size.

43A. M.D. Below the E-W wall joining W MCS are excavated on the south removing the LM III floor. The W S wall reported appears. To our surprise the E-W wall to ca. 13.5m wide, the inner face having been removed by the LM III people.

44A. J.M. Net solid Minoan / Mycenaean lamp (MM).
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41A - no work since 41A has been opened over and to the west, adjoining 41A. It was shown, however, that the MM room to the s.w. of 40A ended with its floor (and presumably, walls) on sand. A few MM III pots were found on its floor which, in terms of the specific context, suggests a reuse.

39B M.C.S. Bequn on hilltop (this book, p. 140 here)

41A. S.S. S.S. on "sabbatical" as he puts his notes together in Pitsidia. Also 41A adjoining on the west.

45A J.M. Opened just south of "Mike's room" and almost directly below J.M. Eneas 2B C of an earlier year which removed almost everything of LM provenience. Well, unless we are in for a surprise, the transition to LM cannot be far away. The completion of this trench will add to our LM III A1 + LM IIi collection (introduced originally by the 2A/9A dump) and hopefully provide us with more information about the large LM house known to underlie "John's" LM house on the hillside. The thrust is the same in 41A and 41A1 since they are in an east-west line.

42A M.C.S. Completed and especially on the north another rich contribution to our understanding of Kommos through history, also showing that the late LM I building continues to the east an unknown distance and should be traced further. It is also clear that the magnificence of its masonry (as contrasted with the poverty of its contents) is in tradition with Building 30 on the west and hardly adds to a hypothesis that it was built in a monumental manner since it was close to the sea and might have to absorb occasional high
waves. M.C.S. will be working out the more exact sequence within the trench as well as a clearer understanding of the masonry (including evidence for renovation). Shallow supporting walls will be built in order to keep the trench scarp from becoming eroded. Originally the trench was to be refilled! How access to the temple will be provided in the future - and certainly this must be quarantined - remains to be seen. Final photographs are completed by 30th Aug, as they have been done in 40A (O.M.).

43A M.D., we have almost reached the floor of the E/W passage north of J, our chief aim. At least part of it is formed of slates, as we have seen on the east, within a couple of days digging the remainder will be at least partially cleared. In the meantime we wish a bit for the beginning of the slates on the east (isolated to avoid contamination) and at the same time photograph and then clear the fallen courses of the rough retaining wall we have discovered to the north. Our future work within the passage will depend directly on the situation as revealed within the passage.

44B J.M. After days of hot, tireless digging the group finds a thick (one cm) wall of rubble that is surely Herodian. My own home for various reasons is that the wall is MM, but there are EM I should be associated with the top of this H's wall so it may belong to that period.

M.C.S and J.M. will go to Phisidena at some time during the coming week, leaving M.D. (presumably) SS. and J.W. still in the field (also H.W. and G.B.).
The model of the sanctuary, a first model and run-through, is being prepared by GB for the Nea Akropolis Museum exhibit of recent finds. This should be delivered to them in a few days.

The situation after mid-week next week may be such that we will have to let a few workmen go; the trenches may simply be too crowded.
40A. discontinued. The problem of the storage of the large pots has emerged.

34B MCS, on the hilltop. New parts of walls emerge, helping to clarify plans and relationships.

41A1 SS. Upper levels. In 40A a few bits of the bullshod shlater appear.

42A MCS. Discontinued.

45A SW. on "sabbatical", so no work done.

43A MD. My hopes for an impressive facade on the north were low; it seems, then, that the reality, the facade is not isodomic ashlar as I had thought. Rather, it is contrasting ashlar, unique in Hainan architecture as far as I know, and most impressive. Also below the LM III (presumably) level, which we are presently on in the "Corridor" to the north there is every chance that we will find a slab pavement. The complete ensemble will be clear, I suspect, by Tuesday.

South of the facade, east of the U/S wall, binning and more bits of painted plaster (no representational bits, however) are recovered so in 1980. The fill on the west of the same wall, 1960 painted plaster, will be removed by Tuesday.
Further exposure of the wall in this small, cramped trench.
398 MCS. On "skeletal" in Pitsidia.


45A J.M. A few wells appear, c.e. 19. + n.s., a good deal of MM pottery, some early, suggests the date. We will now open to the south.

41 A1. Cleaning a rubble, olive, photographing, on the north: hunch pottery. In the process we find, below a scrappy LLI, a wall that may well be renewed in the future, we find a fine double-axe, of bronze, the only one discovered so far—- we know, however, found in mould. The axe is in excellent condition.

43 A M.D. In the passage there is a handsome pavement of slabs, throughout and extending to the east, below the temple, limestone, in parts very worn by the passage, felt. The small LLI III passage to the north appears as a minor tributary to the broad avenue from the Libyan Sea progresses along toward land Phaestos and parts further afield, here clearing remains, leading to a better understanding of it. One impression, though, is a splendid one.

44 B J.M. A possibility of a new wall appears— perhaps the rear of a retaining wall?
39B. MCS. Periphal excavation here and there contribute to some enlightenment. Sounding, perhaps to be completed tomorrow into LM I works is continued.

45A. J.W. Area being subdivided by various walls, but so far no clear pattern. LM is more common than we expected.

41A1 S.S. Silt rather high. A modern retaining wall around the scarp of the pitless room is begun.

43A M.D. Clarification of the scarp and tumbled rubble continues as we remove a few stones along the base of the northern wall. The channel along the north, south of the e-w wall may be a fact. The e-w wall itself may be earlier, possibly MM.

2 There are multiple phases of the retaining wall on the north, also of the stepped street. These remain to be untangled.

44B J.M. Completed, successfully. The wall discovered, corners on the south, exactly so that the southern wall would lie along the northern border of the street. The North East-West Gate to the wadi from the sea lies open!

Some useful thoughts on the development of the southern area introduce the possibility that I and another large building on east were joined by the orthostate wall.
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39 B. Completed and photographed, MCS into study mode now, with report on key 81 trenches and also preparation of part of her publication of the Smith House.

45 A. J.W. Area continues down below wall height, but mostly junk & more fill.

41 A1. S.S. Progress - wall shown here defined after another day. This would probably be the last trench to finish.

43 A. M.D. Slow cleaning on the west, where the sea has worn the pavement down. The northern wall is indeed the broken, flat, drain, and in 4 courses high, rather solidly built on the west.

44 B. J.M. Dig continued and being filled in now that the photos and drawings are completed.
45A S.W. Below the pile of rubble which no doubt served as a setting for the upper LM terrace, a few small mud spaces begin to appear. Their exploration will not take too long, so I foresee only a few more days of excavation during the coming week.

41A1 S.S. Starting now below wall level, picking up on the north some of the LM I/II dump from 2A/9A on the north with much burned material.

43A M.D. Gully along the north side of the road is cleared, revealing brooch. It fills with water now, as it probably did during antiquity unless there was a major change in ground water level since then.

A part of the rubble accumulation along the north, that on the west where we will interfere least with the overlay of retaining walls to which at least some are LM III, is being removed slowly. Removal of more will have to await another year when we are less rushed and the LM III accumulation has been published and digested.

1108 Spends most of the morning fixing wheelbarrows and paying FKA charges, an immense amount in Mino, usually this type of chore is done on Friday, but we will all be moving out quickly tomorrow on our way to Hissos in western Crete, at least 220 km.

Three cars: a real caravan staying the first night in Chania, then near Hissos. Permission to draw a plan of the Hissos
tempel was recently granted to chris by Professor Davenport. The temple was excavated in 1952 or so and never even partially published—and is vital as comparative material for dealing with our Temple Cat.

Plans for the coming years at the site are gradually being made, as a study, corn limited season, quite long, is being planned for 1982. The plan will be for three trenches at a maximum which can be completed in the sanctuary.

In the evening, I announced to Colin Edmondson at the ASCSA our discovery of the east-west road, nearly as wide as the Royal Road at Knossos.

Our conservator, Cap Sane and our bone/shell man David Reese will be leaving tomorrow. Their are the last departures—others will gradually follow during the next two weeks in the de-enstaging of the sixth year of excavation.
Track 45A. J. Wright. The situation is rather clear now as the two rooms below the haun Terrace level are being clarified, although the relationships between them remain unclear. Perhaps tomorrow, when the trench is completed, the space along the west will be completed. On the east are a few conical cups, a bridge-sedged vase and other vessels on a surface, but not necessarily the earlier floor.

Track 41A. S.S. Completed, with two rooms, one room with stone tools, upside-down pot, and a stone weight on the floor in one of the rooms. This is a complete MM group. In addition, the rooms in 41A and 45A, also do not do pit holes, room on the east. Give us the more complete picture. MM house. On the hillside, houses destroyed by an earthquake and subsequently abandoned. It is possible that we would find it worthwhile to clean it. Angular east-west strip which would reveals the southern part of the house, perhaps during the limited excavation season next year.

43A M.D. Slow-moving, the very amount of pottery slowing up our efforts. Since May II, III above the northern retaining wall of the ramp about which I have been writing a good deal lately.

Consolidation of walls and many new walls being built - more high walls built this year than any time in the past.

The past - today spent the day helping in the process of making the site presentable - a fast, immensely helpful process requiring a good deal of guidance.
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Excavation has ended.

Trench 45A. J. W. completed his trench, but left at least one lower floor exposed. A number of complete vessels emerged in the past few days, one of them a plain t.c. sherd of the ostrich-egg type.

Trench 441 S.S. Complete, with floors cleared and photographs completed of entire area.

We must spend some time trying to make sense of the various walls.
Only walls are being worked on now on the site.
The extended avenue from the ga has been
finished and must be photographed.
Record duplication and storeroom consolida-
tion has been progressing.
A staff of 20 are now reduced to 5.

[Signature]
Trench 39B will be used as a label for a series of short term investigations in the area of the so-called North House at the north limit of the excavation expropriated property. Most of the house has been revealed in a series of campaigns, down to its LMIII A-B floor (a hard packed earth and crushed rock surface, which has often been referred to in previous notebooks as white earth floors). Deep soundings were undertaken in a few rooms down to bedrock. The uppermost building was found to be built over an earlier LMII A-B house and MM walls.

One of the puzzling problems has been the question of what the E limit of the house was in the LMIII period. It had earlier become obvious that the later upper building had made use of the E exterior wall of the preceding structure. However, at the latest phase the white floor had covered much of that wall of which the upper courses were then torn down except at the S.E. corner where beyond a couple of courses still stand above the latest floor. The idea now is that leaving a bit more of the original course of the wall and its relationship to the later house might help clarify the problem of what happened at the end.

Investigations here begin today in the afternoon, as soon as the trench master, Maria C. Shaw, has
finished work in Tr. 42A at the bottom of the hill in the Gk. Sanckuary area.

The first investigation is in a small section (3.35 m. E-W) in the so-called E-W Road along the south end of the house. This area was excavated before in Trench 30 A. The section starts along the E. line of the house. To simplify matters and references to previous notebooks' labels of walls and spaces used there will be maintained. The plan on p. 141 records the labels.

Excavation in this small area had stopped at about 19.05 m. on slightly higher than the white-earth floor to the north in space X. The fill is above the surface of wall 16 preserved here and just below the bottom of wall 21 when we start. In other words, it represents accumulation over wall 16 and a post quem date for the construction of wall 21. We start, after cleaning the upper surface with:

**Pail 3:1 (E-W Road)**

Under pail Tr. 30A/3:11

Earth and small stone

From 19.07 m. to 19.02 m.

Sherds: 2550 g. Ca. 40 sherds - Scrappy

Some MM; LMM possibly LM II A2 or B.

Other: shells

Inu.: C 4643; jug; C 4644: krater/bowl; C 4645: bowl (plain)

This pail is soon replaced by:

**Pail 4:2 (E-W. Road)**

Under pail 3:1

Same fill as pail 1

From 19.02 m. to 18.92 m.