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**THE MYCENAEAN
SYMPOSIUM IN BRNO, APRIL 1966**

The Mycenaean Symposium in Brno was a part of the International Congress "Antiquity and the Present", held under the auspices of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and of the Ministry of Education and Culture at the Faculty of Arts of the J. E. Purkyně University in Brno from the 12th to 16th of April 1966. The object of the Symposium was to bring about, for the first time in the history of Mycenaean research, a meeting at which scholars both of the Socialist countries and of the West would be present in greater numbers. The preparation of the whole Congress was entrusted to the Organizing Committee, headed by Dr. Pavel Oliva, DrSc., a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences in Prague, while the preparation of the Symposium was in the hands of Committee member Dr. Antonín Bartoněk, CSc., of the Purkyně University in Brno.

The sessions of the Mycenaean Symposium were held on April 13th and 14th and took up two mornings and two afternoons. There were altogether 21 lectures, the text of one of them (Einige Linear B Deutungen) being merely distributed among the participants, as its author, Prof. H. Mühlstein, found it impossible to be present in person. The programme of the Symposium proceeded as follows:

April 13th, morning (Chairmen: *M. D. Petruševski*, Skopje; *A. Scherer*, Heidelberg)

J. Chadwick, Cambridge: The Organization of the Mycenaean Archives.

J.-P. Olivier, Bruxelles: Les scribes de Cnosos.

O. Szemerényi, Freiburg i. Br.: The Mycenaean and the Historical Greek Comparative and their Indo-European Background.

A. Bartoněk, Brno: Greek Dialectology after the Decipherment of Linear B.

April 13th, afternoon (Chairmen: *J. Chadwick*, Cambridge; *O. Szemerényi*, Freiburg)

M. D. Petruševski, Skopje: L'alternance vocalique *u/e* du dialecte mycénien de Pylos.

M. Doria, Trieste: Les graphies mycéniennes pour *s* + occlusive initial de mot et de syllabe.

I. Fischer, București: Observations sur la notation des occlusives mycéniennes.

J.-P. Olivier, Bruxelles: A propos du idéogramme 62bis.

N. S. Grinbaum, Kišinev: Krito-mikenskije teksty i jazyk drevnegrečeskoj khorovoj liriki (Pindar).

Mme *L. Lupaș*, București: Le système consonantique du dialecte attique.

April 14th, morning (Chairmen: *J. Harmatta*, Budapest; *M. Doria*, Trieste)

L. Deroy, Liège: Une interprétation nouvelle des tablettes *o-ka*.

C. J. Ruijgh, Amsterdam: A propos de *a-mo-te-jo-na-de*.

Mme *M. Gérard*, Liège: Sur le mycénien *e-ti-we* et *a-e-ti-to*.

P. Wathélet, Liège: Les verbes *eryō* et *erymai* en mycénien et dans les formules de l'épopée grecque.

April 14th, afternoon (Chairmen: *L. Deroy*, Liège; *A. Heubeck*, Erlangen)

J. Harmatta, Budapest: Zur *Ahhiyawā*-Frage.

R. A. Crossland, Sheffield: The Inter-State Relations and Economic Basis of the Mycenaean and Hittite Kingdoms (not published here).

S. Calderone, Catania: Remarques sur l'histoire de quelques idées politiques de Mycène à Homère.

I. Tegzey, Debrecen: The Communities of Pylus.

Mme *K. Korževa*, Alma-Ata: Krito-mikenskoje obščestvo v sovetskoj istoriografii.

A. Bartoněk, Brno: Mycenaean Activity in the Countries of the Eirene Committee.

J. Chadwick, Cambridge: Conclusion.

The proceedings of the Symposium were evaluated by its sponsor, Dr. J. Chadwick, who not only recapitulated them at the close of the last session, but reported on them also at the concluding general session of the whole Congress, which was held on Friday afternoon (April 15th) in the assembly hall of the Town Hall of Brno.

In addition, the future progress of Mycenaean Studies in the Socialist Countries was discussed at a special meeting of the Eirene Committee, which associates all the national organizations for cultivating Classical Studies in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, the Soviet Union, and partly also in Yugoslavia. The members of this Committee agreed upon steps to be taken in the future, which may be summed up in the following points:

a) All the countries represented in the Eirene Committee should become members of the Comité International Permanent des Etudes Mycéniennes, which is incorporated in UNESCO.

b) In the years in which no other international Mycenaean gathering is planned, the Eirene Committee should endeavour to arrange in the frame of the respective Eirene conference a similar Mycenaean symposium to the one which took place in Brno.

c) Within the frame of all the other Eirene conferences (which take place practically every year) at least an unofficial meeting of the Mycenaeanologists of these countries should be held.

d) The member states of the Eirene Committee should consider new means of mutual co-operation in publishing Mycenaean works and in procuring Mycenaean literature.

e) As the co-ordinator of Mycenaean co-operation in the Eirene countries Dr. A. Bartoněk of Brno was proposed.

The Mycenaean Symposium of Brno attracted great attention from the leading personalities of the Purkyně, University. On April 14th the University Rector Prof. Dr. Theodor Martinec, DrSc., decorated John Chadwick — along with other distinguished scholars — with a silver Medal of Honour of the Brno University for the significant help rendered by him to the Brno Mycenaean centre. And

the Faculty of Arts resolved to publish the Proceedings of the Symposium in the *Opera Facultatis Philosophicae Universitatis Brunensis* under the title "Studia Mycenaea".

The following volume of the Proceedings of the Mycenaean Symposium of Brno comprise almost all the lectures submitted to the Symposium (with the exception of R. A. Crossland's paper), as well as two additional contributions: The first contains the responses to a questionnaire concerning the present views of Mycenaologists on the problems of dialectal classification of Mycenaean Greek (including a number of suggestions sent by non-participants), and the other is a bibliography of Mycenaological works published by scholars of the Eirene Countries in 1953—1966.

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