

THE YEAR OF ARCHIPPOS AT ATHENS (318/7) B.C.

THE Attic texts of the year of Archippos have fared ill in various commentaries, including my own. Having shown that the only legitimate reading of *I.G.*, II², 448B requires that the year be taken as intercalary,¹ I proceeded to bring into line also the texts of *Hesperia* 4, 1935, pp. 35-37, no. 5 (*S.E.G.*, XXI, 319) and *Hesperia* 8, 1939, pp. 31-32 (*S.E.G.*, XXI, 318). These last two were decrees passed on the 207th day of the year.

I was in error in my discussion of the other remaining decree of the year, *I.G.*, II², 350, claiming that it belonged in 331/0 and that its elimination from 318/7 permitted a regular succession of months, with intercalated Posideon and prytanies of 38 and 39 days, in that year. This cannot be. The texts of the sixth prytany show that there can have been no intercalated Posideon. This was quickly pointed out to me by Geoffrey Woodhead who showed also that the date 331/0 for *I.G.*, II², 350 was not suitable because the archon's name, Aristophanes, known from *I.G.*, II², 349 cannot be normally restored in the opening lines. He has suggested further, and I think correctly, that the calendar equation of *I.G.*, II², 350, restored as Anthes-terion 9 = Prytany VII, 18 is suitable for the intercalary year 318/7 and that the text belongs in fact in this year. The day of the decree was the 246th, and months and prytanies were arranged as I have shown them in *Hesperia* 43, 1974, p. 466.

This is, in principle, the solution of the calendar of the year advocated by Eugene Schweigert in 1939,² with intercalated Gamelion, but we now have a more regular succession of prytanies (which is essential) within the year. It is only a minor sacrifice that the regular cadence of the Metonic cycle has to be interrupted with 318/7 intercalary and with 317/6, in compensation, taken as ordinary.³

I note in passing that the evidence of the Athenian New Style Coinage no longer calls for an intercalary year in 137/6.⁴ This removes the only other obstacle to the thesis that however much calendar dates may have been postponed by addition of extra days, with later compensation by omissions, there is now no evidence that the reverse was ever true.⁵

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¹ *Hesperia* 43, 1974, p. 464.

² *Hesperia* 8, 1939, p. 34.

³ A correction in my discussion of the calendar of 320/19 can be conveniently made here. In *A.J.P.* 93, 1972, p. 168 read Gamelion instead of Elaphebolion in the middle of the page and delete the last three sentences of the paragraph.

⁴ As claimed in *Hesperia* 43, 1974, p. 463. See now *A.J.A.* 79, 1975, p. 305.

⁵ *Hesperia* 43, 1974, pp. 462-463.