of the Syrian desert. Albright[1] has directed our attention to *Šutîum*, *Šutû*, the Akkadian denotation for West Semitic nomad tribes appearing frequently since Rîm-Sin (ca. 1750 B. C.). The countries mentioned in the execration texts were identified by him with שֵׁת of Bile'ams oracle (*Num.* 24, 17), an archaic denotation for *Mo'ab*. The lands of *Šutu* and *Kûšu* were probably neighbouring countries. '*Southern Šutu*' is best placed in the region of *Mo'ab*, in the neighbourhood of *Kûšu*, while '*northern Šutu*' seems to be connected with the later land of *Gile'ad*[2].

E 54 : [illegible] *ʾiqtm.*—

This is *'A/'Irqatum*, an important town in Phoenicia. The same place-name also appears in the Berlin execration texts (f 12). This town is frequently mentioned in the Egyptian sources of the New Kingdom (*'rqt*) and in the 'Amârna tablets (*A/Irqata*), הְעַרְקִי in *Gen.* 10,17 and Ἄρκη of the Greek sources. The present Tell *'Arqâ* in the plain where the *Nahr el-Kebîr* has its mouth[3]. *E 61* mentions the «*tribes of ʾiqt*», probably with the meaning of the Phoenician tribes of the land of *'A/'Irqata* = *'A/'Irqatum* (cf. *E 63* — *The tribes of Kbny* = Byblos).

E 55 : [illegible] *Šmw'nw.*—

This place-name, pronounced *Šamu'ânu*, has been recognized by Alt and Albright to represent a town in the Plain of Jezre'el known from the Egyptian sources of the New Kingdom (list of Thutmosis III, No. 35 : *Šm'n*) and the 'Amârna tablets (*Šamḫûna*, *E A* 225,4), which is called שִׁמְרוֹן (LXX : Συμοών!) in *Jos.* 11,1; 12,20[4].

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[1] *B.A.S.O.R.*, 83, p. 34, n. 8; *J.B.L.*, 1944, p. 220, n. 89.

[2] I am obliged to Mr. B. Grdseloff for the information that in the inscription describing the representation of the Semitic caravan from the tomb of Beni Ḥasan (Newberry, *Beni Hasan*, I, 28-31) the Semites with *'Ibš* (*'Abîšar*) at the head are said to come from the land of *Šwtw*. As the caravan is shown bringing spices to Egypt, only the land of *Gile'ad* rich in spices can be meant by *Šwtw* (cf. *Gen.*, 37, 25; *Jer.*, 8, 22, etc.).

[3] See Albright, *B.A.S.O.R.*, 21, p. 4; *J.P.O.S.*, 8, p. 245; Noth, *Z.D.P.V.*, 1937, p. 236.

[4] See Albright, *B.A.S.O.R.*, 81, p. 19, n. 15; *J.B.L.*, 1939, p. 186; *B.A.S.O.R.*, 94, p. 25.