

This number of Architectural Design describes the problems that face South American countries in the field of housing: problems made daily more acute by population increases and movements causing an 'urban explosion' whose only precedent is that suffered by Europe in the second half of the nineteenth century.

John Charlewood Turner, who has prepared the number, is an English architect who has worked in this field in Peru for the past six years, employed by various government agencies. Throughout the number he puts forward the vital need for housing agencies to come to terms with popular resources and efforts if significant improvements in housing conditions are to come about. He illustrates this theme with work from Venezuela, Chile and Colombia as well as Peru, and in the concluding section makes what is probably the first formulation of an architect's approach to this problem in political, social and personal relations.

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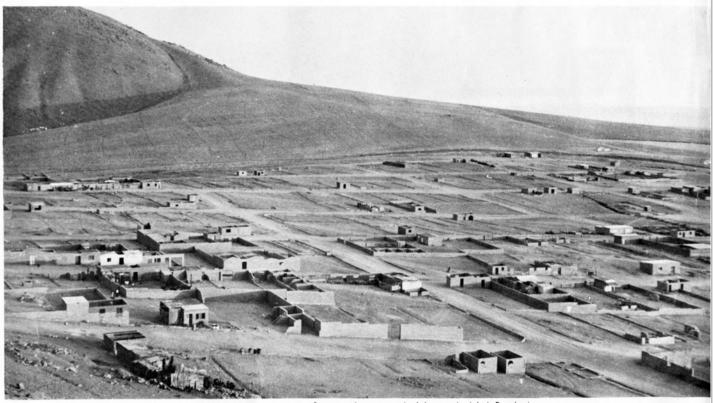
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Barriada 'La Tablada, 'Lima, Peru Photo John Turner



Squatter settlements are variously known as barriadas in Peru, barrios in Colombia, callampas in Chile, ranchos in Venezuela, villas miserias in Argentina, and favelas in Brazil.