



The John Turner Archive:

Cover and introduction

Dwelling resources in South America, Architectural Design 8, August 1963

8 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

August 1963 Price 4/-





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.

In addition to the individuals and organizations that have contributed material to the number, acknowledgement should be made to the following persons for their help in its preparation:

Margaret Grenfell, for her general assistance, especially in the preparation of drawings.

Eva Levitus, for help in field and photographic work.

Catherine Turner, for checking and correcting texts.

Patrick Crooke, for editorial revision in London.

Past and present colleagues of the Peruvian *Instituto de la Vivienda* and the *Junta Nacional de Vivienda*, as well as the Directors of these agencies, for generous aid and permission to use material.

Except where otherwise stated, all the text has been written by John Turner.

All values are given in US dollars.

DWELLING RESOURCES IN SOUTH AMERICA

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.