

NOTE ON: "A DATED SEQUENCE OF BUILDING AND POTTERY AT LAS HALDAS"

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In the previous issue of *Nawpa Pacha* (13, 1975, p. 106) I gave the erroneous information that the recently discovered circular plaza at Chavín de Huantar has four stairways, citing Federico Kauffmann Doig's Manual de arqueología peruana (1973, p. 186). Information received from Richard L. Burger, who is conducting studies in the region of Chavín de Huantar, is that the circular plaza has only two stairways.

In 1963 Kauffmann correctly predicted the discovery of a sunken plaza east of the Old Temple, showing it in his diagram as a rectangular plaza with four stairways (Kauffmann Doig, 1973, pp. 182-183). Perhaps this preconception led to the description of four stairways when the predicted plaza actually came to light.

If the circular plaza had had four stairways it would have been a unique example. With two stairways it is another example of a type known in the Huarmey and Fortaleza valleys as well as at Las Haldas, a type which helps define a period in the history of Chavín style architecture. The superior construction and decoration of the example at Chavín de Huantar as shown in the photographs published by Kauffmann Doig (1973, p. 186) reemphasize the premier position of that site in the Chavín culture.

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