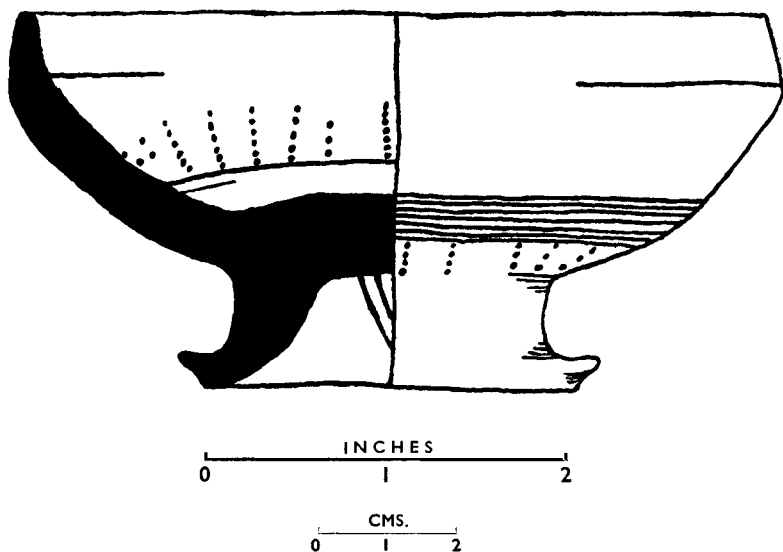


2. A Glazed Bowl from Hung Sing Ye, Lamma Island, New Territories, Hong Kong

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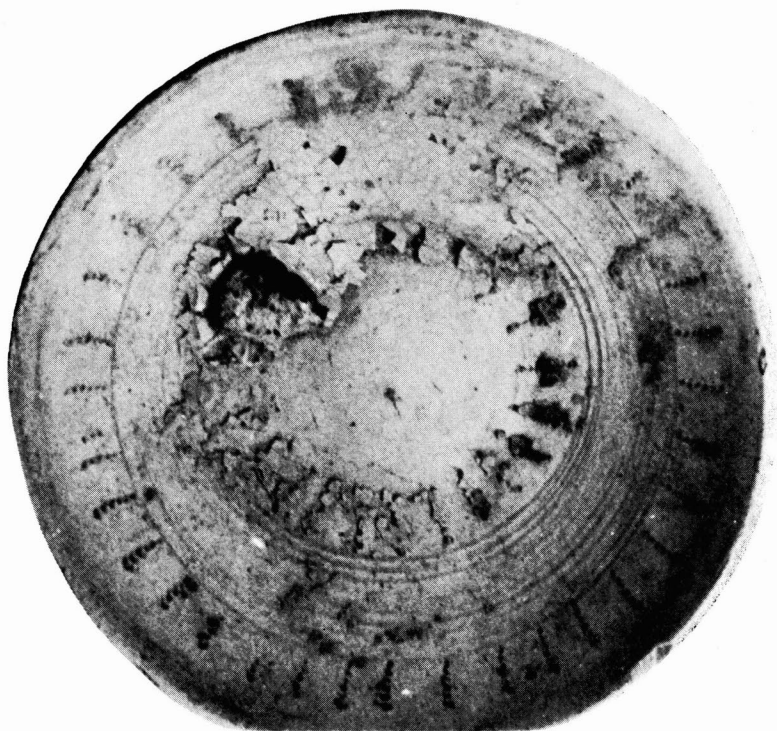
During the spring of 1961, I visited the site of Hung Sing Ye 洪聖爺 on the West side of Lamma Island, made known by the discoveries of Fr. Finn in the 1930's (Finn 1958; 3, 264-269). I found the bowl sticking out of the sand cliff overlooking the beach, about 50 yards north of the rock with signs painted on it. Close by was a sherd of D/F ware.

Description. As one may see from the accompanying drawing and photographs, the bowl is clearly one of Fr. Finn's 'Glazed Cups' complete with 'trade mark' on the base (Finn 1958: 29-34, pl. 22-27). These are generally attributed to the latter part of the first millennium B.C. in the local Bronze Age.



Glazed bowl from Hung Sing Ye.

Paste. Paste is fine-grained, hard and pinkish-yellow in colour. Although somewhat asymmetrical, the vessel has clearly been thrown on a wheel, as there are several wheel grooves visible. There is a small firing crack at the top of the pedestal which, together with the piece of glazed slag adhering to the inside, suggests that the bowl may be a waster.



Glazed bowl from Hung Sing Ye.

Glaze. Most of the glaze has now disappeared from the inside and practically all from the outside, but the colour of the paste shows that the glaze once covered all but the pedestal. The glaze is polychrome, light blue, green and dark blue and/or black. The colours have run, but it would appear that the background is green and light blue, the decoration dark blue and/or black (overlying dots and furrows in the paste).

Remarks. In addition to Fr. Finn's published examples, there are many more in the Jesuit Seminary at Aberdeen. It is odd to find a bowl of this type at Hung Sing Ye, as the bulk of Fr. Finn's illustrated pottery from there is of a more primitive and presumably earlier type, comparable to the SAK culture of Fr. Maglioni (1952: 1-20).

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