

After these two climbs we gained the Cordillera Apolobamba, near the Bolivian frontier, from Puno on Lake Titicaca. A truck carried us to Rinconada, a gold mining community whose inhabitants belong to the ethnic group of Aymaras and live at 16,400 feet. After reconnaissance and leaving a food and supply dump, on July 23 we made the second ascent of the Nevado Ananea (19,200 feet. First ascent by G. Frigieri, R. Merendi, C. Zamboni in 1958. *A.A.J.*, 1959, 11:2, pp. 321-2.—*Editor.*) After leaving Rinconada at 4:30 A.M., in two hours we descended to the base of the ridge where we had left our supplies at 15,250 feet. The ridge was some $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long but fortunately without great technical difficulties. We reached the summit at two P.M. We had descended the ridge by five and climbed back to Rinconada by 8:30.

Climatic conditions are generally good in southern Peru during the winter of the Southern Hemisphere (summer in Europe and the U. S. A.); this year, however, it seems that they were exceptionally favorable since the weather was very beautiful for our whole stay. The health of the four members of the expedition, whose ages totaled 210 years, was excellent if you discount some minor dysentery caused by eating doubtful local food.

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Yanahuanca, Cordillera Blanca. The Brazilian Domingos Giobbi of the São Paulo Alpine Club made the first ascent of Yanahuanca (17,340 feet) on July 14 with the Peruvian Eugenio Angeles. On the next day they climbed Caullaraju North (17,764 feet), which had been ascended once before.

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Balmat, Cordillera Blanca. The French Cultural Attaché in Lima, Olivier Dollfus, and François Megard with the Peruvian, Eugenio Angeles, made the first ascent of Balmat (18,045 feet) on July 29 and the third ascent of Ishinka (18,373 feet) on July 27.

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Attempt on Pucahirca Central, Cordillera Blanca. Under the leadership of Bruno Berlendis, an expedition of the Bergamo section of the Italian Alpine Club made an unsuccessful attempt on Pucahirca Central (19,718 feet). On June 10 they established Base Camp at 15,400 feet on a moraine of the Taulliraju Glacier. Camp I was at 17,400 feet on a col between the west ridge of Taulliraju and an unclimbed peak above the Quebrada Santa Cruz. Camp II was at 18,375 feet and Camp III at 19,350 feet, but