

reconnaissance and exploration in the Cordillera Huayhuash. Our specific mission was to locate a mountain range into which to send at a future date a skilled group with sufficient time and money to carry out an Andean season. The group, composed of Gastón Muga Royo, Raúl Araya Secaira, Mario Puig del Río, Germán H. Mills and me, spent from August 6 to the 25th in Peru. We explored to the Ninakocha (lake), passing through Chiquián, Llamac, Pucpa, Portezuelo de Cacanán and Cuartelguay. We made the first ascent of a peak of 15,750 feet between the passes of Cacanán and Kasha Punta, which we called Chilegirca. The Huaraz porter, Marcelino Morales, accompanied us on this ascent.

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*Argentines in the Cordillera Blanca.* Gerard Watzl and his wife Jacqueline with Heinz Kaltschmidt made the sixth ascent of Ishinka (17,717 feet) on July 4 but failed at 19,000 feet to climb Palcaraju Oeste because of the loose snow.

*Spanish Reconnaissance, Huaytapallana and Vilcanota.* Angel Anglada and Miguel Gómez Sánchez made the third ascent of Lasuntay (18,964 feet) in the Cordillera de Huaytapallana on August 8. In the Cordillera Vilcanota they tried the Campa peaks but failed in bad weather.

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*A further note on Rondoy, Cordillera Huayhuash.* The footnote on page 259 of the *AAJ* 1962, 13:1 has been confirmed. Rondoy has two independent peaks joined by a ridge about a quarter of a mile long. The Italians climbed the north peak, which is about 200 feet lower than the south peak. Signor Bonatti thinks that the true (north) summit will not be attempted on the eastern side.

*New Zealand Expedition to Pumasillo Group, Cordillera Vilcabamba.* English and Swiss expeditions to the Cordillera Vilcabamba sent us tempting reports of two worthy unclimbed ice peaks, Mitre (19,000 feet) and Sacsarayoc (20,000 feet) and as added inducement there were the regions northeast of Pumasillo and those south to the Yanama Range that required exploration and mapping. By June 7 our seven-man party, comprising Brian Hearfield, leader; Victor Walsh, deputy leader; Lyn Crawford, Peter Farrell, Hans Furdorfler, Bruce Naylor and Donald Mackay, had established Base Camp at 14,500 feet in the Pumasillo basin, our route having followed that chosen by the British party, i.e. Vilcabamba River, Choquetacarpo Pass, Pumasillo. The next day we started to reconnoitre a