

Attempt on Cajavilca, Cordillera Blanca. During the last two weeks of August, Gary Ziegler and I attempted Cajavilca (18,947 feet). We had traveled overland from Colorado to Lima, largely by hitch-hiking. When we arrived in Lima, we had less than \$50 between us. Our air-shipment did not arrive but fortunately with us were down jackets, leg bags, ankle gaiters and a tent. After buying cheap food, we took a bus to Carhuaz and hired a mule and muleteer. We bivouacked 15 miles up the Quebrada Ulta. That same night, a front of bad weather moved into the range. On the mountain it rained or snowed every day and usually visibility was no more than a few feet. Several days after arriving at the base of the long north ridge, we placed our first camp on snow. Despite terrible weather, we made steady progress up ridges and slopes of unstable snow, which constantly settled beneath us. Finally, the slope avalanched from beneath Gary as he was following my tracks, but it did not carry him away. An ice cliff was the only purely technical problem, solved fifth-class by ice blocks and a fin of ice. Visibility was zero the next day until four P.M. As it cleared, we hurried across crevasses and up ice ribs, but it soon closed in again. We felt close to the small summit plateau and needed only one other day of intermittent visibility to succeed, but the next day the weather was hopelessly bad. Almost out of food, we had to descend.

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Huascarán. After four days' conditioning in the Cordillera Negra, Hans Zogg, leader, Mike Rees, Gary Rose, Lee West, Harold Williams and I used eight days to reach the summit of Huascarán on July 10. The climb was by the regular route.

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Ishinca, Ranrapalca, and Urus Oeste, Cordillera Blanca. The Swiss Bernhard Wörner led a group largely made up of women to the Cordillera Blanca. The climbers were Marie Fischer, Rösli Bosshard, Martha Pfeiffer, Dorli Schnaufelberger, Erich and Suzanne Friedli, Rosa Schönenberger, Otto Hermann, Emil Reiser, Ernest Weibel and Felix Marx. All the expedition climbed Ishinca (18,373 feet) on June 16. On June 19 Wörner, Hermann, Reiser, Erich Friedli and Marx climbed Ranrapalca (20,217 feet). On June 23 Wörner, Reiser and Hermann climbed Urus Oeste (17,881 feet), which they claimed was a first ascent although apparently it was climbed by other Swiss in 1963. (*A.A.J.*, 1964, 14:1, p. 217.)

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