

snow the 50° slopes on the northeast. On July 24, still in bad weather, we three climbed the southernmost of the two P 5600s after a long slog in deep snow on the west face. We tried to continue to the twin summit but crevasses prevented this. Neither of these peaks is what Kinzl calls in *Cordillera Blanca* Hualcán Central (5500 m), climbed by him, Borchers and Hoerlin in 1932 and later climbed by César Morales Arnao and called Hualcán Oeste (5500 m) by him in *Andinismo en la Cordillera Blanca*. Dr. Hoerlin explains, "My 5500 m cosmic ray station was south of P 5645. None of us climbed P 5645 nor any point of 5600 m north of it."

DOMINGOS GIOBBI, *Clube Alpino Paulista*

*Chekiaraju, Winter Ascent.* Although according to the position of the sun from December to March it is summer, this season with much unfavorable weather is generally called "winter" throughout the Andean regions of Peru. David Teegardin, Andy Bell and I hiked from Shilla up the Quebrada Ichic Shonquel to the lake, Acquiscocha, to camp a few yards south of the outlet among overhanging rocks which obviated the need for a tent. We climbed on December 27 to the col between Tulparaju and Chekiaraju and followed the southwest ridge to the summit of Chekiaraju (17,342 feet). The inhabitants of the area call the peak "Kunkaraju" ("Necklace Peak"). It appears on some maps as Tulparaju and in some Peruvian literature as Pariakaka.

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*Quebrada Ulta.* An Italian expedition led by Giuseppe Dionisi had a very frustrating time. Their objectives were already being climbed by expeditions that had got into the field ahead of them. Expedition members fell ill and the weather was the worst in years. They accomplished very little. Signor Dionisi has written the Editor that he was pleased with training they gave their porters in rock and ice technique.

*Huantsán, Attempt on East Ridge.* Jeffrey Duenwald, Andrew Harvard, Del Langbauer, James Janney, Paul and Chela Kunasz, my wife Nola and I left Olleros on July 21 and trekked for three days along an ancient Inca road over 15,700-foot Punta Yanashallash to Jatoc, where we turned north up to the head of the Quebrada Huantsán and Base Camp at 14,700 feet. On July 25 Louis and Cathy Reichardt arrived in camp, having been delayed by illness. The Reichardt-Kunasz foursome left to attempt Uruashraju's north ridge. They turned back only 500 feet from the summit because one of them developed the early stages of pulmonary edema after they had overcome the difficulties of the climb. On July 26 we made a carry to the Huantsán col at 17,000 feet and occupied a camp there on July 28, while Nola remained to guard Base Camp. Duenwald, Harvard and Langbauer reconnoitered the lower reaches of the ridge, which we called the "Ridge of Mushrooms". It