# ANDEAN JOURNALS AND YEAR-BOOKS[1]

## PERU

*Revista Peruana de Andinismo* (Journal of the Club Andino Peruano and Club Andinista Cordillera Blanca, edited by Señor Cesar Morales Arnao), No. 6 (1962–63).

This issue contains the usual excellent summaries of all Peruvian and foreign expeditions throughout the Peruvian Andes in the two years under review, including the ascent of Rondoy by the London University Expedition on August 7, 1963, followed by the fatal accident to P. Bebbington and G. Sadler. Short obituary notices of both the latter are included. In the note describing the French first ascent of Chacraraju Este (August 5, 1962) the peak is renamed Huaripampa.

An article by the Editor, dated February, 1964, distinguishes and describes twenty separate ranges in Peru, with a sketch-map. The five principal ones are the Cordilleras Blanca, Huayhuash, Vilcanota, Vilcabamba and Ampato: the secondary ones are Apolobamba, Urubamba, Raura, Volcanica and Barroso: and there are ten minor ranges. The nomenclature and map have been accepted, as a study basis, by the Second National Geographical Congress held at Arequipa.

A detailed report is published of the proceedings of the First Peruvian National Andean Convention, which was held at Huaraz, July 29–August 3, 1963. Nine Peruvian Clubs were represented, and there were also foreign observers from Brazil, U.S.A., Spain, Switzerland, New Zealand and Great Britain (A. Gregory).

The Spanish Expedition to the Peruvian Andes, 1961, is recorded in a fully illustrated booklet by the leader, F. Mendez, published in Madrid. This expedition carried out many first ascents in the Nudo Ayacachi, Cordillera Vilcanota, and climbed Huascarán by the North-east ridge.

## ARGENTINA

*La Montaña* (Journal of the Federación Argentina de Montaña y Afines), No. 3. An ascent of Cerro Incahuasi, by E. Nuciforo. No. 5. Victory on Pier Giorgio, by M. Castellazzo. Mercedario South-east, by H. Joos.

[1] These notes summarise the main items of interest in South American publications received by the Club since the last note in *A.J. 68*. 335. Some of the material is relatively old, but the notes cover what has reached the Club since 1963.—EDITOR.

CHILE

*Revista Andina* (Journal of the Chilean Andean and Ski Federations), No. 86 (December, 1963). Andinismo and exploration in Chile, 1963. The Antarctic Section records the death, on May 1, 1963, of the last survivor of the crew of the Chilean schooner 'Yelcho' that rescued Shackleton from Elephant Island in 1916.

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# MOUNTAINEERING JOURNALS

*Les Alpes*. 1964. No. 1. 'Die Gestalt des Berggängers': by L. Storz. 'Fêtes de Pâques dans le massif du Gross Venediger': by P. Thürer. 'Autour du Bachtelberg': by E. O. Marti. 'Die Besteigung des Bristenstocks im Jahre 1861': by A. Schürmann. 'La première ascension du Pumo Ri': by U. Hürlemann. 'Rundum ennet dem Gotthard—mit Veteranen unterwegs': by H. Reusser. 'Une expédition dans la Cordillère Blanche': by various authors. 'Les naturalistes Thomas et leurs amis': by F. Cosandey. 'Ski de printemps dans les Pyrénées centrales': by J-L Blanc.

No. 2. 'Eine Umschau in dinarischen Bergketten Jugoslawiens': by M. M. Blumenthal. 'Aventure nocturne dans la paroi de la Sciora': by R. Meier. 'L'alpinisme et notre vision du monde': by K. Greitbauer. 'Ascensions entre la mer et l'Inlandsis au Groenland': by S. Angerer. 'Une traversée longitudinale du Mont Blanc': by W. Müller-Hill. 'Le Bouquetin en Suisse': by M. A. J. Couturier. 'Voyage au Svartisen': by G. R. E. Brooke. 'Quel est l'âge des glaciers?': by A. Renaud. 'L'observatoire biologique alpin au Col de Bretolet': by D. Ruchet.

No. 3. 'Ascensions dans le sud-ouest canadien': by S. Bucher. 'Bergfahrten im Hoch-Dauphiné': by A. von Wandau. 'L'Expédition Märchler aux Andes en 1963': by C. Hauser. 'Une ascension au Mount McKinley en 1961': by W. Himmelsbach. 'In Queenslands "Grünen Bergen"': by G. F. J. Bergman. '100 Jarhe "Hotel SAC" im Maderanertal 1864–1964': by F. Amstad. 'Expédition du G.A.O. 1964 au Hoggar': by R. Pellaton. 'Première ascension de la Tour sud du Paine': by A. Aste.

No. 4. 'Première expédition suisse a l'Hindou-Kouch (1963)': by M. Eiselin. 'Une traversée de la Meije': by W. Stefan. 'Die McGill University Arctic Research Expedition nach Axel Heiberg Island': by H. Weiss. 'Alpinistes en crinoline': by H. Kornacher. 'Les variations des glaciers suisses 1962–1963': by P. Kasser. 'Première ascension de la face nord de la Pointe Whymper (Grandes Jorasses)': by M. Vaucher. 'Contribution à l'étude du sommeil hibernal chez la Marmotte des Alpes': by M. A. J. Couturier.

*La Montagne et Alpinisme*. 1964. FEBRUARY. This number opens with a tribute by D. Olivier-Martin to the late André Georges, a prominent member of the C.A.F. and President of the Section de Briançon. J. Denis describes an ascent of the Peuterey arête and Maurice Lenoir

has an article on 'Ski de Printemps'. V. Paschetta contributes 'Ski en Haute Vésubie'; the fifteenth alpine ski meeting of the C.A.F. and C.A.I. took place in April at Saint Martin Vésubie and a brief account of this follows the article.

APRIL. N. G. Dyhrenfurth writes about the American Mount Everest expedition with special reference to the West ridge ascent. The first ascent of the 600 m. high South face of the Aiguille du Fou is recounted by John Harlin. The idea of a nature reserve in the French Alps is now a reality and the C.A.F. played a notable part in bringing it to fruition; a National Park exists in the Vanoise massif and is described in an article by R. Varlet.

JUNE. A note by the President of the C.A.F. pays tribute to those who were killed in the disastrous accident on the Aiguille Verte in July. Georges Livanos tells of his experiences with young climbers on VI grade climbs in the Dolomites and Pierre Henry has an article about mountain maps, inspired by the exhibition held by the Institut Géographique National. There follows an account of the Olympic winter games at Innsbruck last year and Dr. Jean Rivolier continues his article, begun in the February issue, on first aid for avalanche victims.

OCTOBER. Mount Huntington, 12,240 ft., was climbed for the first time in May, 1964, by the first French expedition to visit Alaska and Jacques Soubis tells the story of this notable achievement. In 'À la recherche d'un équilibre' Gareth Hemming has something to say of the attitude of the climbers of California to artificial climbing and of their endeavours to ensure that the great rock walls, such as the North face of Sentinel Rock, do not become a ladder of pitons after the first ascent but are left as near as possible in their original condition for the benefit of future climbers. Philippe Traynard writes about the opportunities for skiing in the three massifs of Belledonne, Chartreuse, and Vercors, all within fifty kilometres of Grenoble.

DECEMBER. We regret that this issue had not been received by the middle of February and will therefore arrive too late to be reviewed.

*Österreichische Alpenzeitung*. 1964. No. 1333. Rolf Werner pays a tribute to Dr. Paul Kaltenegger, elected to honorary membership of the O.A.K. There follow two short articles on the ascents of the Schermberg Nordwand by Leo Graf and of the Viereselsgrat of the Dent Blanche by Otto Künzler. Ernst Kosmath discusses crash helmets at some length. In spite of their use, several bad and even fatal accidents have occurred recently and the perfect helmet for protection against stonefall has not yet been found.

No. 1334. Dr. R. Pischinger suggests some aims for future expeditions to the Hindu Kush in the Noshaq, Istor-o-Nal, Tirich Mir and Ghul Lasht Zom groups. There still remain virgin 7,000-ers or near

7,000-ers in these areas though at least one of Dr. Pischinger's recommendations, the East Peak of Tirich Mir, was climbed by a Norwegian party last summer and he himself climbed two other 7,000-ers (see p. 120 of this issue). We are on more familiar ground with Hans Laurer in an ascent of Mont Blanc by the old Brenva route. A summary of some of the 1963 Hindu Kush expeditions, by Dr. A. Diemberger, contains much useful information.

No. 1335. The Aiguille du Géant takes pride of place in this issue. Hubert Peterka, after a brief survey of the achievements of the 'Golden Age'[1], tells of the early attempts to climb the Géant, including the efforts to shoot a rope over the summit, of the ascents of the Maquignaz and Graham and of other achievements, culminating in the first ascent of the South face in 1935. (For a contemporary opinion of this ascent see *A.J. 48.* 167.) Hans Chval describes his own ascent of the formidable face and Dr. Diemberger continues his report on the 1963 Hindu Kush expeditions.

No. 1336. Mallnitz having been selected for the annual *Klubtreffen*, it is appropriate that this number should contain brief accounts of some climbs in the neighbouring mountains; Ankogel, Hochalmspitze and Schareck Nordwand. Better known to British climbers is the *cirque* d'Argentière and Erich Vanis recounts the history of its great North faces. Wolfgang Axt writes about the second ascent of the North face of Les Droites, and other North face routes described are those of Les Courtes, the Aiguille de Triolet, and the Aiguille d'Argentière. In 'Gesamtführer oder Auswahlführer' Dr. R. Hosch comments on guide books old and new.

No. 1337. Dr. Diemberger writes about the mountaineering history of Swat, Dir and Chitral, with a short account of Dr. Herbert Tichy's journey through the region. As a tribute to the late Dr. Maria Gleispach, who was killed on the Hochgall last July, part of a paper she read to the O.A.K. some months before her death is printed in this number and describes her ascents of the North ridge of Piz Badile and the North-east face of Piz Roseg. Peter Holl describes a new variation on the North face of the Ortler which he and Helmut Witt achieved in July, 1963.

No. 1338. A brief chronological summary of the American Mount Everest Expedition of 1963 by Dr. Diemberger is followed by a list of new ascents in the mountains of Greece in 1961–1963 and an account of the celebrations held to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first recorded ascent of Mount Olympus in 1913. There is a list of the

[1] The attentive reader will notice a number of minor errors in names and dates. We would only mention that the Schlagintweits did not make the second ascent of the Dufourspitze in 1851. It was not until August 1, 1855, that the first ascent was made by a party of British amateurs with Swiss guides.

more important ascents carried out by British and American mountaineers in 1963 and useful particulars of recent Japanese expeditions in the Himalaya.

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*Alpinismus*. 1964. The Heering publishing firm in Munich started this journal in 1963. In 1964, the first full year of its publication, the high standard of the first numbers was well maintained. Every number contains a detachable *Anstiegsblatt*, a description of a route—or sometimes of several routes in one area—elucidated by clear sketches and photos. Each number deals with a specified subject which is explained in a foreword written usually by the editor, Toni Hiebeler, or by an expert in the subject of the month. For instance, the MARCH number is introduced by Sir Arnold Lunn, writing about ski-mountaineering. The other eleven numbers deal with these subjects: JANUARY, 'Alpine faces in winter' (North and South faces). FEBRUARY, 'Olympic skiing'. APRIL, 'Boulevard Alpinismus', discussing the pros and cons of mountaineering publicity. Some good alpine pictures and a little of the history of continental alpine journals, including some reproductions of drawings showing the rather sarcastic kind of German humour. MAY, 'Mountain walking'. The limits for Toni Hiebeler's kind of mountain walking are set rather high; for instance, an ascent of Cho Oyu is included. There is a very interesting article about 'Physiological suppositions for mountaineering', describing experiences with juvenile and adult beginners. The JUNE number, 'Mountain photography', will interest more the photographers amongst us; it is the only number with a few colour prints. JULY, dealing with Czechoslovakia, tells of mountaineering behind the Iron Curtain, in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Russia (Caucasus). The Czechoslovakian national park is in the High Tatra and we find some lovely photos of the area in this number and a few excellent chamois photos. The AUGUST issue describes the Dachstein and the history of this mountain.

SEPTEMBER brings a special number about the Marmolata, the 'perfect mountain', with rock and snow routes for climbers and skiers alike. The history of the mountain has a chapter about the mountain warfare there in the first world war.

The OCTOBER and NOVEMBER issues bring a very serious and tragic note. Jean Franco, the director of the Chamonix mountaineering school, tries to explain the causes of the terrible accident on the Aiguille Verte in which fourteen of the most expert French climbers perished in an avalanche. The NOVEMBER numbers deals directly with the subject 'Death on the mountain', warning the climber by stating that 90 per cent of all fatal accidents are not caused by 'Fate' but by human failure, either by carelessness or inexperience. There is an

interesting article, written by a German lawyer, about the legal responsibilities of anyone leading a party and on the differences in German law on the legal obligations to help between members of a party of whom one has met with an accident and other mountaineers in the area who may have witnessed the accident. The last number of the year deals with the old contrast between piste skiing and real skiing. The writer feels sorry for the poor piste dashers who miss all the beauty of moving on natural powder snow. Most numbers have also a detachable page about equipment; helmets as protection against falling stones, belts made by using three or four nylon waist lines, and a gadget to replace the Prusik knot seemed to me to be the most useful items mentioned.

On the whole a very readable journal.

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