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"ANNAPURNA"

FOR SOME MONTHS now one of the best-selling books in this country has been "Annapurna," a magnificent story of human courage based on the experiences of a group of Frenchmen who made one of the most difficult mountain conquests in world history. Mt. Everest has been conquered since, but many agree that the ascent of Annapurna was a more difficult feat, because so much of the terrain had never been explored before.

These films are the actual colored movies taken by the expedition. The narration, in part, is by Maurice Herzog, who lost parts of his hands and feet as a result of the climb. Usually high mountains are so veiled in clouds that it is difficult to photograph them, but this film contains magnificent shots of Annapurna, so forbidding that it's amazing anyone would attempt to scale it. These men, aided by native porters whose courage matched theirs, climbed from camp to camp, over ice and through blizzards, until they reached the summit, 26,493 feet in the Himalayas. *(Himalaya Pictures)*