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Les Blank and Maureen Gosling recently spent 3 1/2 months (two trips) in Iquitos, Peru and remote locations on tributaries of the Amazon while documenting Werner Herzog at work making FITZCARRALDO. It stars Klaus Kinski, playing a would-be rubber baron at the turn of the century who desires to bring grand opera to Iquitos to rival the magnificent opera house that was built down the Amazon in Manaus, Brazil. The scheme is to persuade Indians to pull his 350 ton steamship up a 45 degree slope and over to another river that is unnavigable below this point because of violent rapids. What Fitzcarraldo dreams of, Herzog does.without the benefit of special effects. Controversy is widespread over Herzog's use of members of the Aguaruna, Campa (Achinenga) and Machig enga tribes. The Aguarunas (closely related to the Jivaro) finally burned his elaborate camp to the ground. He then moved to another locale in Southern Peru on the Urubamba River and made arrangements with the Machigengas and Campas to play the roles of 400 extras. Jason Robards and Mick Jagger were also originally cast in lead and supporting roles, but illness forced Robards to return to New York after completing 40% of the filming. Jagger could not take the extra time to reshoot with Kinski as the new lead. Claudia Cardinale was able to finish the film, which is scheduled to open this Spring. The documentary PELICULA 0 MUERTE is NOT finished and will be shown in double system as a WORK-IN-PROGRESS. Spanish and German dialogue will be translated. It is scheduled for national broadcast in May on PBS.

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