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RECENT ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA¹

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HIGHLY important anthropological research is in progress in Latin America at the present time. Inaugurated prior to the entry of the United States into the war, this work is an aspect of a long-time program of scientific and cultural cooperation between the American republics. These studies include ethnological and sociological research among various highland and lowland communities, physical studies among modern and ancient populations, and, as would be expected in one of the world's richest archeological areas, much exploration and stratigraphic excavation

in the ancient ruins. In all Latin America, archeology, ethnology, history and sociology blend into one closely interrelated and fascinating problem of cultural and racial interaction, an understanding of which is as important to the practical statesman as it is challenging to the social scientist.

During the last year the Institute of Andean Research, working under the auspices of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, has placed ten parties in this vast field working in close cooperation with the scientists of the various Latin American countries. The present program of the Institute of Andean Research—ranging from northwestern Mexico to Chile—aims at completing and publishing on a

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