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French mountaineer and engineer who in 1950 led a nine-man French expedition that explored the Annapurna massif in the north central Himalayas, encompassing fourteen 26,000 feet (8,000 m) peaks. On June 3, 1950, Herzog successfully climbed Annapurna I (26,545 feet or 8,091 m). He lost many of his fingers and toes in the climb but was able to bring back valuable information. He later served on the International Olympic Committee.