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A NEW ANT OF THE GENUS *AMBLYOPONE*  
FROM PANAMA<sup>1</sup>

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As known before 1960, the genus *Amblyopone* in the New World was restricted to temperate North America and the southern half of South America. In my 1960 review of the Amblyoponini (Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., 122: 143-230) I described as new *A. orizabana* from Mt. Orizaba in southern Mexico, and the aberrant *A. mystriops* from Guatemala. In a very recent paper, Kempf [1961, Studia Ent., Petropolis, Brazil (n. s.) 4: 489] has recorded *A. degenerata* Borgmeier — previously known only from southern Brazil — as being collected in Surinam. Now, a new species, to be described below, has been found in lowland forest on the Isthmus of Panama, closing the last significant gap in the distribution of *Amblyopone* in this hemisphere. The genus is now seen to range from British Columbia and the St. Lawrence Valley south into southern Chile, and it seems likely that it reaches Tierra del Fuego, even though no specimens have yet come in from that far south. As it stands, *Amblyopone* is the most widely distributed New World ant genus. While it is clear that the genus is very sparsely distributed in the tropics, and that it reaches its best development in cool temperate regions to the north and south, it does seem likely that further collecting will show it to have a continuous or near-continuous range in all but the driest and coldest parts of the Americas.

***Amblyopone tropicalis* sp. nov.**

Holotype worker: TL 3.0, HL (including clypeal teeth) 0.60, HW 0.52 (CI 87), WL 0.74, petiolar node L 0.26, W 0.35, postpetiole W 0.38, scape L 0.34, outside straightline length of mandible 0.46 mm.; measurements as in my 1960 review.

Habitus that of the smaller "*Fulakora*" group of *Amblyopone*, especially *A. orizabana* Brown and *A. chilensis* Mayr. Head with nearly straight (feebly sinuate) occipital border, sides feebly convex, diverging anteriorly, widest across anterior corners, which are furnished

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