

*Correction, Willis Wall, Mount Rainier.* The Bertulis-Wickwire climb of what they called "Brumal Buttress" two years ago (*A.A.J.*, 1971, 17:2, pp. 288-91) was the first route done on that face in winter, but the rib they climbed had been previously ascended twice: both times solo by Charles Bell in 1961 and 1962. Bell's climbs of what he called "Damocles Rib" had not been previously reported because of his failure to secure National Park Service approval.

*Mount Rainier, Willis Wall.* On May 12-13 Ed Boulton and I made the second ascent of Willis Wall's *Central Rib*. The climb was highlighted by numerous leads of continuous front-pointing on hard ice, a good-sized ice avalanche down the couloir paralleling our route which rained ice chunks upon us and a rather severe late spring storm which pinned us down for two nights above 13,000 feet. Rob Schaller and Lee Nelson who had bivouacked with us at the base of the wall in the hope of doing the *East Rib* (but turned back above the schrund in the face of sustained rockfall) came back in mid-June and climbed a new variation of lower Willis Wall and upper Curtis Ridge. They made the second ascent of the East Rib route to the point where that route traverses inward to the Central Rib and then up through a break in the summit ice cliff. Instead of making the rightward traverse, the two climbers traversed left several hundred feet to Curtis Ridge, joining that route below the uppermost rock bands and gullies. Although exposed, the crossing was not difficult. Two days were spent on the route variation.

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*Dragontail.* Three new routes were added on this peak. The *North-east Buttress*, Grade III or IV, 5.7 or 5.8 by Fred Beckey, Ron Burgner, and Tom Nephew; the *North Face*, Grade II, F7 by Fred Stanley and James F. Wickwire; and an ascent of the longest line on the *Northwest Face*.

*Snow Creek Wall, Iconoclast.* This route lies between Galaxy and Outer Space, beginning with the first pitch of Remorse and ending with the last pitch of the Outer Space crack. It was climbed June 13 by Mead and Tom Hargis. Mead writes, "Unfortunately it was my onus to remove a bolt ladder placed by several intermediate parties attempting to finish the climb in this manner, a malefaction that showed they weren't up to the standard of climbing." NCCS III, F10.

*Big Four, Tower Route.* This 4000-foot north-side route was completed by Ben Guydelkon and Ron Miller on July 25. From the end of the ice-caves trail, they traversed to the northeast side of the first tower to a prominent gully. Climbing this gully, they were able to work west onto and up the first tower. After rappelling into a notch, the next two towers were climbed. Some more rock climbing led to a long, steep, exposed snowfield and the summit. NCCS IV, F7.