firm to kick steps, but too soft to hold tools, it was exciting stuff. Exit
was made directly at the summit after 7 hours on the face. Descent took
10 hours via the east ridge (normal route).

**Randy Winner, Turtles Climbing Group, Missoula**

*Mount Robson Traverse.* On August 20 Michael Sawicky and I
climbed the long snow and ice face on the north side of Mount Robson.
Reaching the top of the face at two A.M. we continued through the ice
formations of the narrow Emperor Ridge and arrived at the summit
at seven A.M. Near the summit we saw what we believed were mountain
goat tracks. Because of the instability of the snow at and above the
Hourglass, we descended by the Schwarz Ledges, which presented a
complicated route-finding problem from above.

**Ronald H. Sacks**

**Canadian Arctic**

*Virginia Glacier Expedition.* In 1967, the writer led the Cape Dyer
Arctic-Alpine Expedition into an unexplored area of arctic mountains
west of Cape Dyer on the Cumberland Peninsula of Baffin Island (see
*AAJ, CAJ*, 1968). At that time we approached by boat with Eskimos
from Broughton Island, traversed the valley of the "Southwind" Glacier,
reaching Mount Raleigh at its head, climbed and named many of the
major peaks, and exited across the Virginia Glacier to Sunneshine Fiord
and Cape Dyer. In August 1977 we returned to the Virginia Glacier
area, utilizing Avon inflatable dinghies to approach from Cape Dyer.
First we completed a photographic survey for the Glacier Inventory of
Canada for comparison with our 1967 data, then explored the valley of
the Virginia Glacier to its head, climbing two peaks there, as well as
Mount Gilbert (solo—P. Ritterbush) to the north for the first time.
We then returned to the boats for a 80-mile journey southwest along
the coast to locate two attractive mountains seen in that direction during
a climb in 1967. After various problems we reached the head of Mer­
maid Fiord west of Totnes Road and went 10 miles inland to the west,
penetrating this huge glaciated area for the first time. Ascents of P 5975
and its adjacent twin were accomplished and a new area for arctic trek­
kers and climbers opened up. (For details and map references see *CAJ*,
1978.) The party was D. Kerchof, P. Ritterbush, P. Rogers, L. Scotton
and I. E. Streisinger and Anna Gerenday completed the same sea jour­
ney with kayaks.

**George Van B. Cochran**

*Stewart Valley, Baffin Island.* An expedition of the Ottawa and
Montreal Sections of the Alpine Club of Canada spent three weeks