Naszyński, Olszewski on March 3 and via east buttress (1640 feet; V+) by the same pair on March 5 and 6; Pico Blanco (5012 meters, 16,706 feet; 2625 feet; III-IV) via west buttress by M. Malatyński, A. Pietraszek, A. Sobolewski on March 5; Castillo (5123 meters, 16,808 feet; 2625 feet; IV-V) via northwest buttress by Malatyński, Pietraszek, Sobolewski on March 7. After this, Nowacki and Olszewski entered the Cordillera Central, where they made a new route on March 24, the 3300-foot-high west face of the north peak (5300 meters, 17,389 feet) of the Nevado del Huila, which they rated as UIAA III.

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Unnamed Peaks. On August 24 I hiked from the town of Güicán to Cardenillo Lake, located at the northwest end of the Sierra Nevada de Cocuy (Güicán) and the same afternoon I ascended a peak c. 5045 meters (16,552 feet), and shortly afterwards climbed to the top of a snow peak at 5075 meters nearby. These two peaks were probably unclimbed and are located immediately north of Nevado de Güicán (or Ritacuba Norte).

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Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Access Problems. The Indian situation continues to be bad. Our close Indian friend, Celso Villafañea, has died, apparently of injuries sustained in a fight related to tribal hostilities over climbers and no doubt also over the worsening marijuana smuggling scene in the area. All of those factors contribute to a need on the part of climbers to be very sensitive to their impact on the range. A low profile is a must.

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Ecuador

Chimborazo, Southwest Ridge and Face (Whymper Route). Norwegian Sverre Aarseth, Canadian Scott Tremaine and I reached the summit of Chimborazo from the newly completed hut on September 3. Climbers have until now usually used the Red Walls route on the northwest ridge because of less icefall danger and because of the previously existing hut. To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Whymper's climb, a new hut has been constructed below the ridge which leads to the Whymper route. The hut is a half-hour hike above the end of a dirt road that can be reached from the road connecting Guaranda and Riobamba. We made the ascent beginning at midnight, getting to the lower summit (Veintimilla) at ten A.M. and the true summit a half-hour later. The "Crux" of the climb is where the Whymper ridge meets the glacier at