

offered for the most part moderate but slow class 4 climbing. Occasional traverses were made on the north side to bypass particularly rough obstacles, but we visited all the major points on the ridge, leaving cairns on two of them. When darkness fell, we made a bivouac on a ledge halfway to Forbidden Peak. After a somewhat uncomfortable night we continued on, often encountering knife-edged portions with appalling drops on both the north and the south but no climbing that could be genuinely termed difficult. We finally ascended the west ridge of Forbidden Peak and descended by the northeast face. Plans to continue the traverse to Boston and Sahale peaks were abandoned because of the extremely rotten and dangerous rock on the ridge leading to Boston Peak.

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*Argonaut Peak, Cascades.* The second major peak on the connecting ridge with Mount Stuart to the east has been called Mount Argonaut (about 8500 feet). After a disappointing climb of the north face, not as good a climb as it looked, which I made on August 17 with Fred Beckey, Tony Hovey, and Ron Niccoli, we dropped about 500 feet down the south side in an attempt to find an easier descent. Here we observed several hundred feet of 80° pink crystalline Teton-like granite leading directly to the summit. Although Fred and Tony had to leave, Ron and I decided to try the face. We started on a sloping platform, angling to the left up a chimney. The climb went then to the right on a moderately thin hand-traverse and thence straight to the summit. We used about five pitons on this enjoyable class 5.3 climb.

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*East Peak, Black Butte near Mount Baker.* On May 4, after deciding that rotten rock ruled out an attempt on the unclimbed Roman Nose (northwest arête) of Mount Baker, Fergus O'Conner and Edward Cooper turned to the unclimbed ice wall rising between the lower and the main East Peak of Black Butte, easily visible from the regular route up Mount Baker as one passes right under it. It proved unexpectedly easy, steepness being the only problem, since the fairly soft snow provides excellent bucket-holds. The ascent would probably be impossible after June 1 in most years.

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*East Ridge of Inspiration Peak, Southern Picket Range.* Making the weekend of October 5 a three-day affair, Fred Beckey, Ed Cooper, and