

Jomfrudal. The ascents of peaks 1744 and 2410 m. in Nathorst Land were made by Heslop and Gibbs; these may well have been first ascents.

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South Staunings Alps. In July and August a Scottish expedition was in the South Staunings Alps, a little known region of Scoresby Land in central East Greenland. It was sponsored by the Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland and led by James Clarkson. The deputy leader was Howard Brunton, and the other members were Ian Douglas, Gwyn Evans, Michael Fleming, Graham Hendy, Cyril Levene, Keith Murray and Raymond Tanton. First ascents were made of 24 mountains, which included many of the principal peaks of the area. Most of the climbs were of moderate difficulty, but several were difficult or very difficult. The party marched in from Mestersvig to Base Camp at 2700 feet on the Bjornbos Glacier, some 70 miles north. From camp on the Mercury Glacier, a southern branch of the Bjornbos, five mountains were climbed, including the principal rock peak, which was named "Citadel" (6500 feet). On August 1 we moved to the Jupiter Glacier, which leads to the highest and most difficult peaks of the South Staunings. We climbed the highest peak in the area, which we named "Prometheus" (8600 feet). The most difficult, "Eilean Donan" (7400 feet), involved twelve hours of severe rock climbing on the almost vertical north face and a total away from camp of a full 24 hours. The weather and climbing conditions were perfect throughout the expedition. In addition to climbing, we accomplished the first crossing of the range from the main glacier of the Bjornbos system to Damen in Alpe Fjord, 30 miles to the north, by a pass which was named "Main Col." The results of thorough exploration of the area, using compass bearings and oriented photographs, and of reconnaissance geological mapping have been incorporated in new maps.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Peru

Pucabirca Central, Cordillera Blanca. The Torino section of the Club Alpino Italiano sent an expedition to Pucabirca, which had defeated the efforts of another Italian group from Bergamo in 1960. The party was led by Giuseppe Dionisi and was composed of Mildo Fecchio, Piero Fernelli, Giuseppe Garimoldi, Luciano Ghigo, Giuseppe Marchese and Arturo Rampani, climbers, and the scientists Luciano Luria and Giordo Dal Piaz. Base Camp was set up on May 19 at 13,775 feet on the Laguna Santa Cruz. Though bad weather dogged them, eighteen days later they estab-