

traversed right — this time to a belay ledge. The next pitch led up to the base of an open book, then proceeded right on very small holds to a short overhanging layback, above which easier climbing ended on a good belay ledge. The fourth pitch rose 100 feet directly to a very small and shallow alcove where a bolt had been placed for a rappel anchor during our retreat on very difficult footholds (no handholds) around a blind corner to a narrow ledge, which widened after passing a gap and became a commodious belay station. A difficult 8-foot vertical wall and a short traverse right led to a large flake, which we ascended directly, and a long traverse right took us to another of the wonderfully large and secure belay positions found on the route. This marked the end of strenuous climbing. Four easy pitches led to the base of a huge rotten recess carved out of the north-face summit. After 300 feet of third-class scrambling in semi-darkness we were on the summit. We rappelled down the familiar south ridge just as the moon dropped behind the Cirque of Towers. The majority of the twelve pitches were long — 150-foot ropes were a necessity. Approximately 21 pitons were placed for protection. (NCCS III, F7.)

DON LAURIA, *Sierra Club*

*Mount Bonneville, West Face.* The impressive west face of Mount Bonneville may be seen in line with the main street in Pinedale. In July Layton Kor, Dave Beckstead and I walked from Boulder Ranch to Rainbow Lake, then on the first full day hiked through the meadows past Sunrise and other lakes to this face. While Layton explored the face of Pronghorn, Dave and I made the ascent, first climbing drop-off snow slopes, then a steep left-curving chimney which contained some difficult free climbing. Eventually we arrived at a little notch on a frontal ridge, then climbed some five pitches on marvellous rock in a direct line to the summit. The rock was excellent, with almost continual difficulty. We used a total of 16 pitons, all for protection. Descent was by the south and west slopes.

FRED BECKEY

*Pronghorn, East Face.* Certainly among the outstanding faces in the Range are Pronghorn's east and southeast faces. The latter, which rises in an almost straight swoop from a rockbound lake to the summit, is quite vertical. Kor and Beckstead went up two pitches and found the rock dangerously loose and devoid of the usual good crack systems. The following day, July 19, Dave and I climbed directly to the summit on the right extremity of this wall, which could be called the east face. We climbed a series of steep buttressed ribs just left of a gigantic couloir