

well attended and profitable, and the reception for M. Terray hosted by the Al Stecks was the highlight of the early summer.

Section members participated in expeditions to the Peruvian Andes, to Alaska, and to the Eastern Himalaya, as well as in climbs in the more accessible ranges of North America. The Section welcomed the idea of direct financial grants to small expeditions attempting to climb formidable new routes, and believes that this policy has aided in attracting many new members to the Club's roster. The Section hopes that it will be possible for the Club to continue this policy of financial assistance. New officers will be elected in early 1965, and the Section looks forward to another year of activity and mountaineering achievement.

RICHARD IRVIN, *Secretary*

*A.A.C., Southern California Section.* During 1964 the section completed its first year with a membership of 40. Three meetings were held, and one lecture was sponsored. Section members were active on Mount McKinley and in the Peruvian Andes. In October Tom Frost, Yvon Chouinard, Royal Robbins and Charles Pratt made the first ascent of the sheer southeast, or North America face of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley after a 10-day assault.

In January Boyd Everett, Jr., presented his slide lecture on the first ascent of the southeast spur of Mount McKinley. Nick Clinch gave his illustrated talk on the first ascent of Masherbrum at the May meeting. In June Lionel Terray presented his outstanding films of climbs in the Andes, and a thrilling ski descent of the north side of Mont Blanc. At the fall meeting held in November, 40 members and guests gathered to hear Tom Frost's slide lecture on "High Firsts in the Alps." This was followed by Chet Errett's pictures of his Mount McKinley climb, and Yvon Chouinard's slides of the conquest of the southeast wall of El Capitan.

PARKER SEVERSON, *Chairman*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The 1964 Ski Camp was held at Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park and "Sunshine and Powder," enchanting words to a skier, describe a very fine holiday for those who attended. Snow conditions were variable, but in general the skiing was superb with wide open slopes visible for miles. Ski trips were scheduled to Baldy Hills, Opal Hills and over Little Shovel Pass as well as trips down the lake and into other areas.

An entirely new area to the Club was the site of the 1964 summer climbing camp in the French Military Group in southeastern British