

*The Minuteman, Liberty Bell Massif.* On July 30, Bill Lingley and I ascended the Minuteman, which lies just south of Liberty Bell and east of Concord Tower. Beginning at the apron's left-hand base, the route climbs for three leads to a group of evergreen trees. A long crack to the right leads to the tower itself. Climbing steep cracks from the right to a bush, the route continues through a prominent overhang and jams a perfect two-inch crack to the summit. The descent is best made by rappelling and down-climbing the Minuteman's north slopes until it is possible to cross the gully below Liberty Bell. Continued down-climbing finds a bush which anchors the final 150-foot rappel. A selection of fifteen pitons should include four 2" angles for this III, F8, A1 route.

SCOTT DAVIS, *The Mountaineers*

*Kyes Peak, Northeast Ridge.* An extended logging road on the north fork of the Sauk River makes this new route, climbed by me on September 14, the most direct of the three approaches available. From the road end follow good trail two miles to Curry Gap, then southwest up through timber and along the open ridge to the northeast base of the peak at 6000 feet. Class 3 rock on the left edge of the glacier leads to the summit via its southeast corner. Four to five hours from the road end.

MIKE HEATH

*Sloan Peak, East Face.* Although only 600 feet high, the overall shear-ness of the east wall of this popular peak in the west central Cascades has discouraged previous attempts. (A 1965 route using the southeast corner of the face avoided the difficult lower half.) On August 26 and 27, Gary Glenn and I selected a route beginning at the top of the glacier directly below the summit, and after 18 hours of mostly aid-climbing we completed the first direct ascent. Start from the moat 250 feet north of the south edge of the glacier and climb a slightly overhanging bong crack to its end, then right up a smooth block (2 bolts, rursps) to a cramped, dirty ledge. Twenty feet above, the first hanging belay was established. Climb directly up mostly vertical rock using fair aid cracks and one bolt, passing under a small overhang with a left step-across (F8), then up on knifeblades and a bolt to a prominent down-sloping ledge. The party bivouacked here with hammocks under the protection of the large overhang, although a better ledge could be reached with two more class 5 leads. Traverse along the ledge to its north end, then up a large rotten chimney for 100 feet until a crumbly left traverse (F8) reaches the end of a large