

*Yosemite Point, Chouinard Route, variation.* Sheldon Smith and Jim Erickson on August 12, climbed an F9 variant of the difficult Chouinard Route. They began their climb left of the Chouinard route on the left side of the prominent 150-foot pillar on the east side of Yosemite Point. The first 120-foot lead ascended a short jam-crack into a dark overhanging chimney. After two thin cracks up and to the right, the chimney opened out onto smooth low-angle slabs (90 feet). The third pitch (F8) ascended a short but damp overhanging cleft in the wall to the left and then traversed across moderate slabs to a small belay stance. The very difficult fourth pitch (F9) moved right and up a thin and poorly protected crack on small holds over a small overhang to a down-sloping belay position under a wet roof. The next 50 feet were nailed (A2) first over a roof and then up a dihedral to a pitifully small belay stance at the top of the crack. The final 120-foot lead (F9) traversed right and up across slabs to a crack leading to a belay position. After stepping around the corner to the right, the Chouinard route was joined.

*Shadow Peak, North Face, Western Section.* This route, climbed on July 12 by Ted Wilson and Rick Reese, diagonals across the north face from lower left to upper right starting from the same snow tongue as the old (1950) north face route. After starting directly up the nose of the face from the upper end of the snow, they quickly cut right in an upward traverse for about 180 feet to a very large flake forming a chimney. Left of the flake a short but steep F7 pitch was followed by some 170 feet of easier but crackless rock. Belay here cannot be anchored short of using a bolt. The next 110 feet up a large depression took them to the base of a steep, overhanging wall. From this point they again cut right and up an F5 ledge off the face to the summit ridge. The absence of cracks and occasional loose rock made this route less enjoyable than it might otherwise have been.

*Nez Perce, South Ridge, variation.* The south ridge route (1954) had the defect of bypassing on the right (east) the steepest section of the ridge, a "steep, massive buttress" of some 300 feet. This section was climbed directly on August 10 by Jack Weicker and Leigh Ortenburger who found the rock excellent. The base of the buttress was attacked at its left (west) corner. A tricky traverse across the face to the right up to a black rock band was followed by a climb back left to a white ramp which led to a one-foot ledge below a large flake. A lay-back put the