

three pitches and stood at the foot of the south peak. They continued down the snow ridge to the high camp, which was reached at two A.M. on June 8. Base Camp was reached on the 9th. After a long stay they were evacuated by helicopter on July 3.

ICHIRO YOSHIKAWA, *Japanese Alpine Club and A.A.C.*

*Mount Logan, Second Ascent of Catenary Ridge.* The members of the Gifu Mountaineering Association expedition were Shigeru Itoh, leader, Keisuke Horii, Toshikatsu Tsuchida, Yumihiko Tanaka, Yoshihisa Kato, and Tsugio Suzuki. On May 21 they were flown to the Logan Glacier from Kluane Lake and established Base Camp at 7700 feet. Reconnaissance was made directly up the ridge of Catenary Peak from May 22 to 26 but was given up because of ice blocks and knife-edges. On May 27 all turned to the spur of the peak between Catenary Peak and McArthur. (For more details, see account of first-ascent party, Ingalls, Bleser, Connary, Given, Plummer, Schmechel, 1967. See *A.A.J.*, 1968, 16:1, pp. 51 to 55. — *Editor.*) They fixed over 1000 feet of rope, climbed steep rock and snow, including a 1650-foot ice wall and established three camps between May 27 and June 5 to meet the main ridge. Camp II was on Catenary Peak at 13,775 feet, above 2½ pitches of fixed rope. Camp III was placed at 12,150 feet after descending the ice ridge to the col on June 11. From the 12th to the 15th the knife-edged ridge and crevassed area were climbed, using 1500 feet of fixed rope. They reached 14,100 feet where they made a snow cave for Camp IV. It stormed at Camp IV on June 16 and 17. Horii and Tanaka were appointed as the attack party with Tsuchida and Suzuki in support. All four left on the 18th. A 250-foot corniced snow wall was climbed with hard work owing to strong wind. They were troubled by soft snow and crevasses. They fixed 920 feet of rope and reached a rock pinnacle at 17,400 feet. The attack party bivouacked there, and the support party went down to Camp IV. On June 19 the attack party left the bivouac at two A.M. and zigzagged among crevasses to reach the east peak (19,750 feet) at 9:45. They descended the ridge, passed the knife-edge and at 4:25 P.M. stood on the main peak (19,850 feet). The support party followed the attack party and reached the east peak. In the white night, both parties returned to Camp IV. The party was flown to Kluane Lake on July 2 and 3.

ICHIRO YOSHIKAWA, *Japanese Alpine Club and A.A.C.*

*Mount Wood, First Ascent of Mount Craig.* The expedition of the Mountaineering Association of Nagano Prefecture consisted of Ryo

Shimada, leader; Yoshiharu Hoshino, Tsubasa Tezuka, Kazuo Kasai, Shinei Matsumi, Mitsugu Nakazawa, Hajime Uchida, Masaaki Komatsu and Etsuo Hitachi. We were flown to Base Camp at 6000 feet on the Brabazon Glacier below the northwest ridge of Mount Wood on June 8. Camp I was pitched at 7875 feet on June 10. Between there and Camp II at 9500 feet was a broken rock ridge. Above Camp II was a knife-edge, many crevasses and a moderate slope. Camp III at 10,825 feet was established on June 12. Kasai, Nakazawa and Matsumi left Camp III at nine P.M. They climbed the long knife-edge and ice wall. At six A.M. they got to the unclimbed north peak, where they slept until noon. They climbed the virgin central peak at 2:30 and the south (highest) peak of Mount Wood (15,885 feet) at 6:30. Just one day later, Komatsu, Uchida and I repeated the ascent. We were back at Base by June 18. It was very lucky to have caught the finest days during our ascent. The weather became bad and continued thus for about a week. On the 21st we left Base Camp and ascended the Brabazon Glacier and established Camp I at 8000 feet. After a few days of storm, we put Camp II directly under Mount Craig at 9700 feet on June 27. We all left Camp II at 11:30 P.M. on the 28th. Tezuka, Komatsu, Hitachi and I headed for the east ridge. We passed through a hanging glacier and reached the ridge. At six A.M. we got to the ice wall that had stopped the previous American party. We were stopped too but turned to the perpendicular ice wall at the right. We climbed this 150-foot wall in an ice chimney in four hours. Above the wall we met a knife-edge. We returned after getting to within 65 feet of the top. Meanwhile the northeast ridge party, Nakazawa and Matsumi, successfully made the first ascent of Mount Craig (13,250 feet). The worst place was 150 feet below the top. They got to the summit at 4:30 P.M. and were back at Camp II at ten in the morning of June 30. Kasai and Uchida went with the east ridge party to the main ridge. They made the second ascent of Snowfield Peak (13,400 feet) at 12:30 on the 29th and continued on to make the first ascent of Avalanche Peak (13,818 feet) at 3:30. There was a difficult knife-edge near the top. Avalanche Peak lies east of Mount Craig and west of Mount Stickland.

YOSHIHARU HOSHINO, *Shimosuma Alpine Club.*

*Lucania and Steele.* In June and July, 1968, the Tohoku University Expedition, Morio Kasai, Ikuo Abe, Kunio Moku, Sadanari Ashizawa and Tetsuo Nakatsu, reconnoitered Mount Lucania and the area. From a light plane they thought the west ridge offered a feasible route: they tried the ridge to 12,150 feet, which convinced them they could thus climb Lucania and traverse to Mount Steele. The 1969 party was led by Ryoichi Mitsuhashi and made up of Ikuo Abe, Muneo Oikawa, Kunio Sakan,