

*French Expedition to Staunings Alps, East Greenland, 1968.* An expedition from the Aix-les-Bains section of the French Alpine Club made a number of difficult ascents during August of 1968. These are listed in *La Montagne* of December, 1968 on page 377.

*Swiss Expedition to West Greenland, 1968.* A six-member Swiss expedition led by André Grisel visited the region north of Sukkertoppen, above Sermilinguaq Fjord and on Homborgerland or Sermersut Island. They made various first ascents. A full account appears in *Die Alpen*, First Quarterly, 1969.

*Upernivik Island, West Greenland.* A University of St. Andrews, Scotland, party returned to the mountainous island of Upernivik at 71°N in the Umanak region of west Greenland (*A.A.J.*, 1968, 16:1, p. 184). Two months were spent climbing and exploring extensively by land and sea: a record number of 41 peaks were climbed, 17 of which were first ascents, our motor boat logged over 250 miles while the canoes covered 100 miles in quiet voyages. The St. Andrews party was Dr. Philip Gribbon, *leader*, Wilf Tauber, Bill Band, Neil Ross, David Kirkland, John Shade, Joe McDowall, Keith Avery, Mike Heller and Andrew Stevenson. A four-day boat journey from Sondre Stromfjord up the coast in the m/v Disko brought us to the town of Umanak, and gave us our last travel on a regular service. At Umanak there was a week's delay until a suitable boat was available to transfer all the members with their forty crates of equipment and food to the main base at Iglorssuit 50 miles away. The delay gave us an opportunity to climb the impressive double-towered rock peak overlooking the town. This peak had not been climbed since the first ascent by two Germans in 1929 although other parties passing through Umanak had tried it unsuccessfully. All members reached its summit at one time or another, not only repeating the German route but making three new routes of much higher quality and difficulty in the process. Our Base Camp, close to the main glacier on the west coast of Upernivik Island, gave easy access to the centre of the island, and by using our boat, its other glaciers, the neighbouring islands and peninsula, and the main base at the Scottish Universities hut at Iglorssuit on Ubekendt Island, were within easy reach at all times. Our arrival coincided with the start of a good weather spell that was to last throughout, but fearful of bad weather the party in two groups rushed into the climbing programme: 20 peaks were climbed in 2 weeks. In the third week a successful attempt was made on Qîoqe, 6100 feet, by its long sigmoidal west ridge which rises to a slender spire close to the summit and is flanked by a great smooth slabby north