

large group sent out by the Uget section of the Club Alpino Italiano. From Camp III at 19,000 feet the guide Lino Andreotti on August 15 led Vittorio Chiadò, Giuseppe Ferrari, Carlo Pedenovi, Marziano DiMaio and Lina Monge to the summit. One of the others of the group had to be evacuated from Camp II with pulmonary edema.

*Illimani.* A traverse of the three peaks of Illimani was made by three Argentines of the Club Andino de Mendoza, Guillermo Vieiro, Ulises Sila Vitale, Rafael Juarey, together with Ernesto Sánchez, a member of the Club Andino Boliviano. Climbing the north peak by the west-ridge route, they traversed to the central and south peaks and descended by the standard, west ridge route. The traverse took from July 16 to July 24.

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*Sajama.* On June 24, Richard Hartshorne, Walter Schmiemann and I drove to the base of Sajama (21,424 feet) from La Paz. Establishing a high camp on the northwest ridge on June 25, we climbed to the summit and back to camp on June 26. On November 7 to 9 Jeff McKenna, Marshall Danker, Jerry Perkins, and Craig Pollock climbed Sajama by the same route.

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*Ascarani and Soral Groups, Apolobamba Region and Illimani, Cordillero Real.* As far as we know, we were the first Americans to visit the Macara valley, which lies between the Ascarani and Soral Este groups in the Nudo de Apolobamba. From a base camp at about 14,600 feet in this valley, which drains into the Río Sánchez Cruz (Coochu) north of Pelechuco, we established, on July 2, a high camp at about 17,000 feet at a site used also by the 1969 Spanish expedition (*A.A.J.*, 1970, 17:1, p. 171). Climbs of two minor snow domes in the Ascarani groups and a minor nipple in the Soral Oeste group were made; and Rodolfo Gutiérrez succeeded on July 6 of getting to the top of Ascarani (18,307 feet) by the north ridge, the third ascent of this rock and snow peak. At this time, Frank Zahar, who had remained immobilized at high camp by *soroche*, became seriously ill with signs of cerebral and pulmonary edema and had to be assisted down to Base Camp, where he received morphine, Lasix, and penicillin, and was given oxygen continuously the rest of the day and all night. He recovered sufficiently by next morning to ride a horse down to the lower elevation at Pelechuco for a two-day convalescence, following