

*Alfred Wegener Peninsula, West Greenland.* An Italian expedition was led by Giuseppe Cazzaniga and composed of Gianni Merlini, Ambrogio Rigamonti, Carlo Bonfanti and Massimiliano Chiolo. They made some five first ascents, the highest of which was of 5693 feet. They failed to climb their chief objective, Agpartut.

*Qioqe and Alfred Wegener Peninsulas, West Greenland.* The Upper Hesse Greenland Expedition had as its objective unclimbed peaks in the Qioqe peninsula at 72° N. Members were Robert Kreuzinger, leader, and his wife Anne, Kurt Diemberger, climbing leader and the only Austrian, Karl-Heinz Bock, Wolfgang Rauschel, Wolf Reuter and Hans Lautensach. They flew on July 9 to Søndre Strømfjord and on by helicopter to Umanak, 60 miles from their goal. The final leg was made by chartered cutter in excellent weather, which stayed with them nearly the whole month, which seems to be normal. They set up Base Camp on July 11 four miles from the end of the fjord on the south side of Qioqe Peninsula looking across at Alfred Wegener Peninsula. From there they could also move by inflatable boat powered by an outboard motor. On the Qioqe Peninsula they made some six first ascents, the highest of which was called "Mont Blanc" (2159 meters or 7084 feet on the Greenland maps but 2260 meters or 7415 feet by their aneroid). On July 26 Diemberger and Rauschel climbed the difficult southwest ridge of this peak after being transported to the base of the ridge by boat. On July 30 Anne Kreuzinger, Diemberger and Bock made the first ascent by its east ridge of Akuliarusikavsak (1510 meters or 5266 feet) at the head of the fjord. From July 29 to 31 Reuter and Rauschel traversed from east to west the whole northern range of the Wegener Peninsula. These eleven peaks ranged from 5915 to 4518 feet. The first seven were first ascents, the last four having been climbed only 19 days before by an Italian expedition. (From communications sent by Diemberger and Kreuzinger.)

*Upervik Island, West Greenland.* An expedition of the Club Alpino Italiano's Ivrea section was led by Giuseppe Patrucco and composed of Sandro Beato, Piergiorgio Bosio, Gianbattista Campiglia, Franco Cena, Nello Delu and Renato Moro. From Søndre Strømfjord they flew to Umanak and took a small boat to Upervik Island, where they climbed for 18 days. They made new routes on Cima Piacco (6693 feet), the north ridge; Cima de Capitani (5742 feet), the west ridge; Mount Bullhead (6004 feet), the west face. They made the first ascent of a peak of 5709 feet.

*Scottish Expedition to Tasermiut Fjord, South Greenland.* A University of St. Andrews party returned after an eleven-year interval to the mountainous shores of Tasermiut inlet at 60° N. In six weeks a total of 34 peaks were climbed, 32 of which were first ascents, and our canoes logged over 200 miles under poor conditions. Our party was composed

of John Shade, Bob Mutch, Mike Jacob, Chris Greensmith, Pete Biggar, Andrew Stevenson, Richard Yound, Iain Walton, Tony Shaw and me as leader. We flew from Glasgow via Iceland to Narsarsuaq and went by the weekly coastal boat to Nanortalik. Three weeks of waiting for our shipped equipment and food were spent in perfect weather. It was mid-July before Base Camp was placed near Tasersuaq Lake on the east shore of Tasermiut. Once supplies had been ferried up the lake, one party slogged through the birch scrub of Qinguadalen and the other party went eastward towards Ilua Sound. Mixed rock and ice peaks with up to 5000 feet of ascent were climbed in the brief fine spells, but being benighted in storms of driving rain and sleet under low cloud were frequent and unpleasant experiences. At the halfway stage we regrouped for new objectives south of the lake, a low-level party climbing on glaciated summits and a high party on spectacular rock spires. In mid-August a five-day storm plastered all the ridges and walls with fresh snow above 2500 feet; with the best peaks out of condition there was a brilliant spell of clear sunny days and crisp still nights under the glow of the aurora. Two of the more memorable days were the ascent of Middle Teepee and the traverse of the Madman's Tower: the first involved 900 feet of up to Grade V (UIAA) followed by a chill benightment and a dawn descent, abseiling down a gully that had become a watercourse of rain and gravel sludge; the travel had some intricate route-finding in exposed situations and included a descent down an unknown gully in gathering darkness in the first squalls of an approaching deluge. Both took more than 24 hours. The gradings for the mountains climbed were 7 Is, 16 IIs, 9 IIIs and 2 IVs. We returned to Scotland by the same route on September 1.

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*Irish Expedition to Tasermiut Fjord, South Greenland.* We spent a month at the head of Tasermiut Fjord near Cape Farewell. The area is not renowned for good weather, but eight fine days out of thirty must be a new low. Shay Billane and Lindsay Griffin on July 24 and 25 made a new route up Cathedral (6562 feet) by the long north ridge. (First ascent by east ridge by Price, Lynch, 1968. *A.A.J.*, 1969, 16:2, p. 418.) This UIAA Grade VI climb took 17 hours climbing time to the summit with a bivouac. The same pair climbed the Hermelbjerg (6273 feet; Grade V) by the northeast ridge on August 4. The north ridge of the Minster (6135 feet; Grade VI) was climbed on July 24 by Christie Rice and Doug Milnes. The difficulties were compressed into 650 feet, which took nine hours. The attempt on the Apostelen Tommelfinger (Apostle's Thumb) was tactfully abandoned when a plush 17-member French expedition was found trying it. (It was unsuccessful; three injured climbers were helicoptered out in a major rescue.) Instead we attempted P 2481 (8140 feet; "Trident"). After a long approach with five camps, this failed due to bad weather and one of the party falling down