

weather set in. Meanwhile a group of 31 under the leadership of John Ebert entered the Quebrada Uta. In late July Ron Fear, Jim Ebert, Don R. Thomas, Stuart Jones, Gilbert Harder and Charles Mullin climbed Chopicalqui (20,998 feet) from Base Camp in seven days. Harold Walton, Harold Goodro, Keith Newcomb and Stephen Adamson reached a point 500 feet from the top of Contrahierbas but were turned back by enormous crevasses. After the Uta camp was evacuated, three camps were erected on the Garganta route on Huascarán. On July 29 Fear, Jim Ebert, Goodro, Adamson, Harder, Jones, Elean Robson, Walton and Kim Malville reached the summit.

E. JOHN EBERT

*Ishinca and San Juan.* My wife Ruth, sons Frederick and John, and I with the Peruvian porter Humberto Henostroza climbed Ishinca (18,143 feet) on July 15 and Urus (18,028 feet) on July 16. Then from the Quebrada Shallap we ascended Huamashraju (17,825 feet) on July 25 and San Juan (19,170 feet) on July 27.

HERBERT WEISS, *Appalachian Mountain Club*

*Ishinca, Urus Este.* My wife Lena and I with the porter Marcelino Vargas spent two weeks based at 13,800 feet in the Quebrada Ishinca. On June 7 we climbed Ishinca (18,143 feet) via the southwest ridge, finding a 100-foot difficult snow wall just below the summit. On June 8 we climbed P 5160 (16,929 feet) west of the Quebrada Yamaraju; we found no sign of earlier climbers on this easy rock peak. On June 10 we climbed Urus Este (17,782 feet) by its east ridge. Our attempt on Tocllaraju failed. Crevasses blocked the normal route to the northwest ridge; our new route went left above the bergschrund and up the west wall to the ridge. Fog and bad weather turned us back 600 feet below the top.

ANDERS KARLQVIST, *Svenska Fjällklubben*

*Janapampa, Taulliraju Group.* Members of our group made two climbs which are probably first ascents. One, Janapampa (17,192 feet), the high point on the southeast end of the Taulliraju ridge, was a fairly difficult ice and rock climb. It was done on July 28 by Brian Greenwood, Shirley Bridges, John Beaupre and Donato Solano at the same time as Miles O'Reilly, John Murphy and Miguel Alfonso were climbing the other, a small snow pyramid (16,503 feet) to the east of Janapampa. That same day Nick Delisa, Sharon Beaupre, Richard Deming, Floriano Solano, Felipe Mautino and I climbed Rajucacca. On July 23 all the above along with Eve Anderson, Noel Hicks, Henry and Steve Kobsa, Pat Lafuze, William Zache and Pablo Morales climbed Yanpaccha Oeste.

On August 7 Pisco was climbed by Mrs. Bridges, both Beaupres, Greenwood, O'Reilly, Deming and me.

GILBERT J. ROBERTS, M.D.

*Quitaraaju.* Our expedition climbed the direct north face of Quitaraaju (c. 19,850 feet). On July 19 four of the six of us reached the summit: Jean and Claudine Lescure, Alain Sauge and I.

PHILIPPE BERNADIN, *Club Alpin Français*

*Alpamayo-Quitaraaju Group.* Our expedition was composed of Jordi Colomer, Pere Xaus, Mariano Velasco, Manolo Martin and me. On June 21 we all climbed Loyacjirca (18,635 feet) by a probably new route, the northeast face. We then had to assist Kazuhiro Nishimura and Kanji Shimamura in extracting from a crevasse on the Kogan Glacier the body of their companion Yoshio Takano, who had been killed on the descent from the north summit of Alpamayo on June 22. Along the ridge between Quitaraaju and Alpamayo, the first summit after leaving the former is, according to our altimeters, c. 5740 meters (18,832 feet) and the second 5710 meters (18,734 feet). (These appear in Plate 21 of *A.A.J.*, 1970. —*Editor.*) On July 1 Velasco and Martin with the Peruvian Apolonio Yánac climbed P 5710 by its north ridge; on July 5 Velasco and Martin climbed P 5740 by its rather difficult though short northwest face. Both were first ascents. Martin, Velasco and Yánac ascended the north face of Quitaraaju but only reached the western foresummit since the summit ridge was in bad condition. On July 4 Xaus, Colomer and I got to the northern summit of Alpamayo after a bivouac. The rock band was covered with ice and we were forced to keep close to the ridge crest.

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*Alpamayo, North Summit.* Kanji Shimamura, Yoshio Takano and Kazuhiro Nishimura left Huaraz on June 1 and placed Base Camp at 13,775 feet at the tongue of the Bailey Glacier on June 3 and Camp I on the plateau at 15,900 feet. They abandoned the south ridge because of crevasses. On the 19th they reached a col on the west ridge and on the 20th traversed the northwest face to reach the north ridge and bivouac an hour below the north summit. This they reached on the morning of the 21st. They then descended straight to the west col with many rappels. The next morning they were walking on hard snow on the plateau when one broke through a hidden snowbridge and pulled the other two in. They fell 100 to 130 feet and stopped on an ice ledge. Takano was killed on the spot with head injuries. The next day the other two managed to extricate themselves from the crevasse and went to the Spanish Camp II, finding no one. They got to Camp I at five P.M. and Base Camp at four P.M. on the 24th, where the Spanish doctors took