

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

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

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*Alpamayo-Quitaraju 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 Quitaraju 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 Quitaraju 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