

covered a straight snow route to its summit along the gradually sloping southeast ridge. A col directly above Base Camp allowed the only access into two previously unexplored valleys approaching Lindenows Fjord. Hickson and I made five first ascents here: P 1240m, P 1060m, P 1160m, P 1590m, P 1660m. (Grades II-IV). At the same time Moseley and Hoare climbed P 1500m, P 1480 m, P 1580m, P 1685m, all first ascents, as well as an unmarked peak east of P 1791m. Hoping to find better rock conditions, we switched efforts to a more southerly area across from the mouth of Kangersuneq Fjord, where there appeared to be a promising horseshoe of peaks. Unfortunately the rock was again loose and dangerous, although two first ascents were made of peaks offering easy scrambles (P 1380m and P 1100m). During the last two weeks of August, we moved Base Camp to the island of Pamiagdruk, just south of Augpilatog. The granite here was considerably better than what we had previously encountered; the most technically difficult rock ascent of the expedition was made of P 1300m by Hoare and Moseley. The peak presented 1200 feet of rock which they climbed in two pushes. (Grade VI, A2). The expedition made 20 first ascents; most of the better climbing entailed mixed snow and ice routes. Without doubt this area should continue to attract climbers, although those devoted to high-standard rock routes need be extremely cautious and willing to suffer that ultimate disappointment of retreating off a route even when the summit is within reach.

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Qioqe Peninsula, West Greenland. The second Hessian Greenland Expedition with eight men and my wife Anne left Frankfurt by air on June 27 for Søndre Strømfjord. We continued by helicopter to Umanak, where a fishing boat was chartered. We climbed five new peaks on the Qioqe Peninsula, some rock such as the east peak of the Inukavsait Qaqarssue group climbed on July 14 by Wolf Reuter and Wolfgang Rauschel and the next day by Kurt Diemberger, Hans Lautensach, Jörg Rautenburg, my wife Anne and me and the east peak of Qioqipqaqai on July 7 by Rautenburg, Rauschel, Karl Landvogt and me, some mixed climbing such as the west ridge of the west peak of the same group done July 16 and 17 by Rautenburg and Diemberger and the main peak of Qioqipqaqai on July 15 by Diemberger and Rautenberger and one a ski ascent, P 1670 (5429 feet) done on July 8 by Landvogt and me. We failed to climb the highest peak on the Wegener Peninsula, Agpartut, after a 36-hour bivouac in a snowstorm and continuing bad weather.

ROBERT KREUZINGER, *Deutscher Alpenverein*

Akuliaruseq Peninsula, West Greenland. The expedition of the Cuneo section of the Club Alpino Italiano was composed of Antonio Perino,

leader, Toni Caranta, Sergio Ambrosiani, Enrico Acchiardo, Piero Bal-lario, Bruno Dematteis, Carlo Garelli, Giuliano Ghibauda, Michele Gorzegno, Giovanni Luciano, Tarcisio Martini, Tommaso Martini and Roberto Peano. They made first ascents of nine peaks between 6955 and 5742 feet.

MARIO FANTIN, *Club Alpino Italiano*

Peaks above Karale Glacier. An expedition of the Auronzo section of the CAI was composed of Alziro Molin, leader, Gianni Pais, Alberto Berti, Eraldo Pais, Claudio de Zordo, Enzo Lancellotti and Giuseppe Barbieri. Operating on the true left bank of the Karale Glacier, they made 27 ascents of which 21 had not previously been climbed.

MARIO FANTIN, *Club Alpino Italiano*

MEXICO

Baja California—Sierra Juarez

El Gran Trono Blanco, north face, Deep Throat Route. A Thanks-giving Day snowstorm in Baja? Iced-over granite and quagmire roads make this an undesirable situation, but we found the line of our choice—a seven-pitch continuous crack system beginning from the talus gully on the north side. John Long led the first pitch (F9) but could not come back for the complete episode, done in two days (completed April 6). Allen Bartlett, Eric Bjørnstad, Terry McKenna, and I continued on via chimneys, a difficult dihedral crack, and the overhanging throat cave which Bartlett managed to squeeze and stem. Higher, a long slab provided face climbing and a few pins for aid before we reached the jumbled summit area. NCCS IV, F9, A2.

FRED BECKEY

Sierra Juárez, Baja California, New Routes. El Gato: This hatchet-like rock tower east of the final half-mile of road from El Progreso mine to El Gran Trono was climbed by John Long and me. We ascended the north face, ending at the upper west corner. F8; 3 pitches. *El Turdo:* This is the massive rounded crag immediately south of El Gato. The road-facing west face was climbed via the obvious deep chimney in December, 1973 by Rob Dellinger, Debbie Winters and me. F8 or F9; 3 pitches.

FRED BECKEY

El Gran Trono Blanco, Baja California. On March 25 Brian Cox, Werner Landry and I completed a new route on the south face of El