

climbs are taking place every weekend, with the help of a road through the park that leads to the 4790-meter-high (15,715 feet) ski lodge built by the Colombian Corporación de Turismo. As for other ranges, the threat posed to climbing expeditions by Kogi Indians in the Santa Marta range seems to have vanished. The "Resguardo Indígena" (Bureau of Indian Affairs) at the town of Valledupar was designated to protect both Indians and tourists, according to information I received in Bogotá from local climbers (December 1974).

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El Guardián, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. On October 16 Padre Giuseppe Ferrari and I climbed El Guardián by its west ridge. Also on the expedition was Giorgio Pettigiani.

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Huascarán. Fourteen expeditions with 71 climbers attempted Huascarán in 1974, of which 47 reached either the south or north summit. Katra, Milne and Andrews' second ascent of the ANZUS route of the east face is covered in Katra's article. Italians Danilo Saettone, Costantino Piazza, Tullio Vidoni and Emilio Detomasi made a fine new route, the northwest ridge of Huascarán Norte. Members of the Explorers Club of Pittsburgh, Iacovino, Patsiga, Bogel, Kobus, Max and Hoffman on July 11 and Colucci, Westfall and Niedra on July 13, a group from the Freelance Alpine Research Team¹ and seven Mexicans climbed the normal route of Huascarán Norte. Three Germans, Americans Seibel, Dunn, Cager and Romano, and four Swiss (see below) climbed Huascarán Sur by the normal route. Americans Mike Rourke and Curry Slaymaker, German Horst Ullrich and Australian Murray Johns climbed Huascarán Sur on September 10 and Huascarán Norte on September 12. One fatality occurred when the American Ted Limp slipped and fell. His companion, Gail Wilts, survived the fall.

Huascarán Norte, Northwest Ridge. Our party, Danilo Saettone, leader, Tullio Vidoni, Renzo Zaninetti, Gian Luigi Sterna, Emilio de Tomasi, Renato Andorno, Piero Soster and I, set up Base Camp on July 5 not far from the usual normal route to Huascarán above Mancos and Musho. We crossed the track of the 1970 avalanche, which gave us some difficulty, and placed Camp I at 17,400 feet on the northwest ridge. We followed the ridge to the summit rock barrier, placing Camp II at 18,700 feet. The long snow ridge with large cornices was difficult and

¹ Norma Viault, Diana Dee, Gail Wilts, Janet Nicholson, Steve Rodgers, Don Hudson, Ted and Tom Limp.