

trekking tours. The Base Camp area there has become a disgraceful mess! Various ascents were also made of *Copa*, whose southern summit is 6188 meters or 20,303 feet high; this peak is gaining attention by climbers whose one ambition is to "get high." Unfortunately, like Huascarán, it is mistakenly considered a "walk-up" and far too many ill-prepared climbers are attempting it. *Yanapaccha Norte* was climbed by members of the Club Andinista Cordillera Blanca: Gloria Cáceres, Alcides Ames, Curry Slaymaker, Dan Langmade, David Ciochetti, Joachim Packa, Pat Weidman and me.

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*Correction:* On page 156 of *A.A.J.*, 1975, it stated that Romano had climbed Huascarán, but he did not reach the top. However, from the expedition on which he took part Alberto Miori, Argentine, and William Smith, English, did get to the summit.

*Nevado Santa Cruz.* We four, Jean Baehler, Claude Guinans, Serge Claudet and I, started our approach from Colcas, an hacienda above Caraz with one porter and ten donkeys. We took three days to go past the lake, Cullicocho, between 14,100- and 15,100-foot passes, then to go by the village of Alpamayo and to reach Base Camp on July 11 at 14,775 feet on the northeast side of the Nevado Santa Cruz. Camp I was placed at 17,725 feet at the foot of the great northeast face, where the first ascent of the mountain had been made in 1948 by Swiss. We had hoped to climb the north ridge and began to fix ropes on the lower part, despite snowy weather. We gave up the route in favor of the 1948 route. Camp II was placed on the north ridge where we emerged from the face at 19,700 feet. On July 21 Baehler, Guinans and Claudet reached the summit (20,535 feet). The descent was made *en rappel* down the great face.

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*Alpamayo, Southwest Face.* A very strong team of Italians, led by Casimiro Ferrari and composed of Angelo Zoia, Danilo Borgonovo, Pino Negri, Pinuccio Castelnovo and Dr. Sandro Liati supported by the industrialist Franco Busnelli, made the first ascent of the southwest face of Alpamayo. They placed Base Camp at 12,625 feet in the Quebrada Santa Cruz. Camp I was at 15,700 feet at the foot of the glacier on the southeast slope of the Quebrada. They fixed some 650 feet of rope to reach the pass (17,400 feet) at the south end of the south ridge of Alpamayo. Camp II was some 150 feet lower in full view of the southwest face. On June 16, 17 and 18 they fixed ropes to within 650 feet of the top of the 3000-foot-high, ice-fluted face, climbing almost always in the shade. On June 20 all six climbers reached the summit.