

and under "first-ascent" conditions. They may have been first ascents. We prefer to remember the pleasure we had in working out these routes and to leave the same pleasure to others. Therefore we shall no longer give details of our routes there. We suggest to others who go to this region in the future to leave the region innocent of route descriptions and to make the Kap Farvel region a "preserve of first ascents" where each person will make his own "new" routes rather than having a first ascent be a non-renewable pleasure.

BERNARD AMY, *Club Alpin Français*

Agpatut and Ino, Alfred Wegener Peninsula, West Greenland. We had the opportunity to join Jordi Riera, who had sailed all the way around Spain and then non-stop to Greenland in a 30-foot sailboat. We flew and joined him in Umanak. For a month we sailed north up to 73° north and explored the Uppernivik Fjord. On the Alfred Wegener Peninsula we made the first ascent of the two highest peaks, Agpatut (6290 feet) and Ino (6234 feet). Riera and Lluís Costa sailed back to Spain, while Joan Cerda, Emilio Civis, Ursula Willius, Jordi Pons and I flew by helicopter and plane.

JOSÉ MANUEL ANGLADA, *Club Montañés Barcelonés*

Spanish Expedition to West Greenland. An expedition of the Unió Excursionista de Catalunya was composed of Ramó Barceló, Joan Freixas, Jaime Farreras, Antonio Rañé, Carlos Romero, Víctor Villagrasa, Vicente Primo, Carlos Ortiz and Juan Merino. They went by air to Søndre Strømfjord and then by ship to Sukkertoppen. They climbed five peaks in the Inugsuit Lake area. On July 10 they sailed to Evinghesfjord, 75 miles north of Sukkertoppen, where they climbed for two weeks, reaching ten summits of from 3610 to 6260 feet, some of them virgin.

RAMÓN BRAMONA RAMS, *Unió Excursionista de Catalunya*

Akuliaruseq Peninsula, West Greenland. Our group of 21 left Italy on July 20 and traveled by plane, helicopter and whale boat to reach the zone of operations on the 23rd. Ice packs prevented our getting to the original objective, the Umiamako Nuna peninsula and we were left on the neighboring Akuliaruseq peninsula. Favored by good weather in the first days, we divided into three groups and climbed all the peaks on the true right bank of the Johannes Brae (glacier), peaks between 5700 and 6400 feet and some of UIAA difficulty V+. On August 1 an Eskimo motorboat took Toni Masé, Tarcisio Beltrami, Giorgio Volta, Marcello Andreoli, Giuseppe Villa and Roberto Bazzi to the Umiamako peninsula, where in six days they all climbed five unclimbed mountains

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Photo by Odette Bernezat

**Suikarsuak North Group, Tasermiut
Fjord, South Greenland.**



between 7484 and 7512 feet, including the highest on the peninsula. The other members of the group, of whom nearly all climbed a number of peaks, were Dr. Francesco Cavazzuti, Clemente and Laura Maffei, Walter Avogadri, Dr. Enrico Bellotti, Gilberto Bertolani, Lodovico Gualandi, Flavio, Riccardo and Ugo Lorenzi, Enzo Giovanazzi, Heinz Steinkötter, Gianfranco Miglio, Michele Ongari and I as leader. In all we climbed 40 peaks, of which 32 were first ascents.

ARTURO BERGAMASCHI, *Club Alpino Italiano*

MEXICO

El Gran Trono Blanco, Northeast Face, Sierra Juárez, Baja California. A new climb via the pillar on the northeast face was begun by Rob Dellinger, Brian Gregory and me. Four pitches were fixed during some exhilarating free and aid climbing on good cracks. During the return hike early the next morning, for the final push on the long route, Rob slipped and pierced his hand badly with a century plant. We pulled the gear off and returned to urban society and medical help. The successful climb was done about two weeks later by Lincoln Stoller, Mike Warburton and me, in April. A new start was made about 300 yards north, but the middle and upper portions of the route were planned to be the same. The ascent was done in 1½ days, without bivouac. There was some excellent free climbing and occasional aid. I recall one frustrating pitch, which should have been done directly but was gained by a traverse from a chimney, and finally ended using three ropes (in sequence) for leading. The rock was excellent; the only drawback was some bush on the central portion. A cold wind hit us on the summit crest, and fresh snow greeted our return hike to the car (very unique for April).

FRED BECKEY

SOUTH AMERICA

Colombia

Sierra Nevada de Cocuy, Southern Peaks. I used the upper valley of La Cueva to tackle several peaks in the southern half of this range. On December 23, 16-year-old Mateo López, a local hillman, and I, reached a point some 120 feet below the top of Nevado Gorro Blanco (5047 meters, 16,560 feet), where we retreated for lack of proper equipment to finish the climb. On December 26, I made the 7th (?) ascent of Nevado Pan de Azúcar (5174 meters, 16,975 feet) and on the 31st, the first of Nevado del Chiflón (5050 meters, 16,568 feet), together with Arturo López, also of La Cueva. The last is a rock-and-ice