

by its steep south face, which required a bivouac at 16,000 feet. (Information provided by Juan José González).

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*Taulliraju Attempt.* Clark Gerhardt, Kristian (Del) Langbauer, Todd Thompson and I, accompanied by Juan Henostroza and Aquilino Moreno, established Base Camp on June 26 below Taulliraju's impressive west face. Unaware of the Italian attempt in 1976 (*A.A.J.*, 1977, p. 216), we repeated several of their mistakes and had some exciting but ultimately futile climbing on the high point of the south ridge. We then established a high camp at 17,500 feet on the icecap northwest of Taulliraju. Poor visibility and difficult climbing stopped progress. After eight days we climbed nearby Rinrijirca (P 5810) and descended to Base.

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*Taulliraju, South Face.* The second ascent of difficult Taulliraju (19,128 feet) was finally made on August 18, 1976 by Japanese Saburo Mizobuchi, Tetsuo Nagashino and Moritaka Yoda. From Base Camp at 14,775 feet, they moved on August 12 up to an advanced base at 16,400 feet at the foot of the south face. Steep and difficult rock, vertical ice and storms kept them on the wall for six days.

*Tocllaraju, Aguja Nevada Chica.* A nine-man Japanese expedition climbed Tocllaraju (19,790 feet) by its northwest ridge. On a third try from Camp II at 18,050 feet, on July 2, 1976 Norikazu Honda and Michio Hashimoto got to the top, followed on the 3rd by leader Haruo Maruyama and Takanori Kobayashi, and on the 5th by Katsuaru Tanaka and Yuichi Nakano. They moved to the Parón valley and on August 1 Maruyama and Honda climbed Aguja Nevada Chica (17,881 feet) from camp at 16,750 feet.

*Peaks in the Cordillera Blanca.* Our expedition consisted of Hansjörg Jesacher, Heinrich Renzl, Albrecht Thausing, Franz Gruber, Helmut Hüttinger and me. We traversed the entire Urus ridge and continued on towards Tocllaraju but did not get to the top of the latter because of bad weather. From Auquiskocha on July 27 while the others climbed Chekiacraju by its south side, I climbed its west ridge and continued over the intervening peak and on to Tulparaju. We finally all climbed Huascarán. The four climbers of the Salzburg Naturfreunde expedition climbed Copa and Alpmayo by the normal routes.

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*Ranrapalca, Northeast Ridge Attempt.* Our team was almost the same as in 1973: Mlle. Renée Turc, Gerard Maillard, Dr. Christian Hurbin