

but bad snow conditions and rockfall made them change in favor of less objectively dangerous climbs. To acclimatize Knez, Čulk, Lesjak, Pepevník and Četina climbed 17,000-foot Yanaraju on June 9. They then turned to the northwest ridge of Huascarán Norte, first climbed in 1974 by Italians. (See *A.A.J.*, 1975, pp. 156-7.) The difficult climbing began at 15,750 feet. The first 4500 feet were mostly steep ice up to 60° and were threatened by avalanches. The last 1400 feet up to the summit snow ridge were of technically difficult rock and mixed climbing. On June 15 Lesjak, Knez and Čulk set off from 15,750 feet alpine-style. They bivouacked at 17,400, 18,700 and 19,700 feet, reaching the summit of Huascarán Norte (21,833 feet) on June 18. Others then turned to the French route of 1973 on the northeast face and ridge. (See *A.A.J.*, 1974, p. 174.) After a two-day approach to the start of the real climb, Črepinšek, Pepevník and Zupan set off alpine-style on June 28. There were difficulties of UIAA Grade V+, A2. The final ice wall was from 55° to 65°. They made five bivouacs before reaching the summit. On July 2 and 3 Četina and Lesjak climbed Pisco. (This information was kindly supplied by Franci Savenc.)

*Huascarán Norte, North Face.* Xavier Fargeas and I climbed the north face of Huascarán Norte alpine-style by the 1966 Paragot route: one day of approach from the Llanganuco Lakes, four-and-a-half days on the face and one day of descent on the normal route. We acclimatized by climbing Chinchey from July 5 to 15. We began the Huascarán climb on July 20. The climb was superb despite problems. On the second day a falling rock struck and broke my shoulder; I had to finish the climb using my right arm only. On the same day we broke two of our four ice-axes. The long traverse on the upper part of the face was particularly difficult. On the last two days bad weather came in from the Amazon. It was windy and snow flowed incessantly over the rock. At the last bivouac Xavier fell 20 feet in his sleeping bag, swept off by a small avalanche. We were equipped as for winter in the Alps. We carried six days of food. It was impossible to pitch our tent anywhere for lack of platforms.

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*Huascarán Norte.* Denis Conte and Frédéric Labaeye did the 1973 French route on the northeast face of Huascarán Norte from June 3 to 6. They found it easier than the first-ascent party had. From June 15 to 17 this same pair did the 1974 Italian route on the northwest ridge and started more or less at the same time but at a different place from the Yugoslavs.

*Huascarán Norte, East Face, Chacaraju, South Face, and Other Peaks.* In June and July with the Peruvians Lucho Felipe and Américo Tardoyo I climbed Huandoy Oeste by a new route from the Cook Glacier,