

Artesonraju from the Quebrada Santa Cruz, Pisco, and Alpamayo from Pucacocha. I then joined Mark Whiton to climb Huascarán Norte by the east face and Mark Richey to do Chacaraju by a new route on the south face. Both of the last two climbs were in August.

STEVEN BREWER

*Huascarán Norte, Northeast Face and Ridge.* During the end of July and the first days of August Steve Brewer and I made the second ascent of the French route of 1972 on the northeast face and ridge of Huascarán Norte. There was considerable evidence of the previous climbers still left, pitons, pickets and rope. We bivouacked at the foot of the face, part way up and on the summit. We descended via the Garganta route.

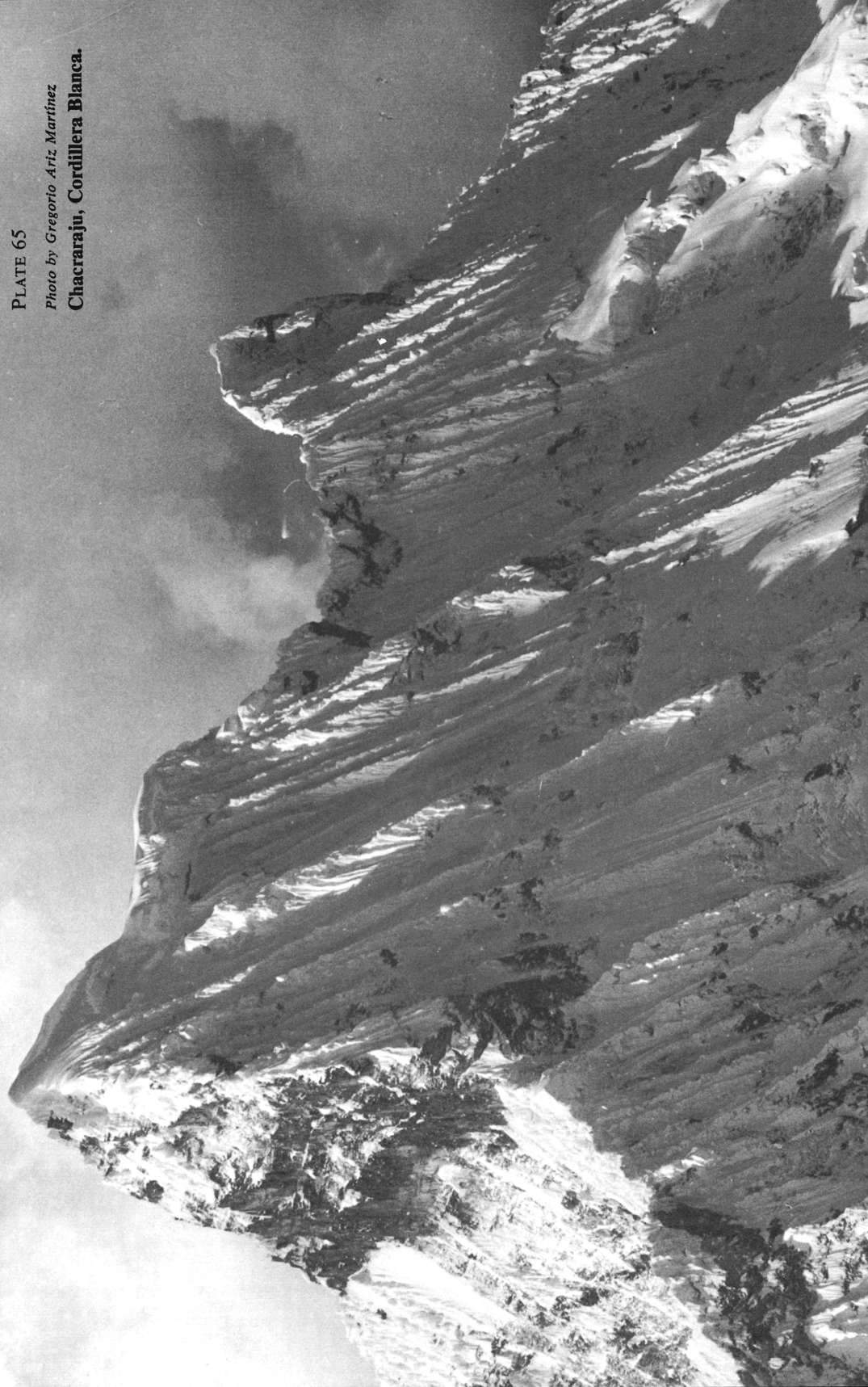
MARK WHITON, *Unaffiliated*

*Huascarán, Northeast Ridge.* Our expedition of 18 climbers was in the region in August, mostly in the Quebrada Llanganuco. On August 13 Montserrat Jou, Ricard Cots, Joseph Salvans and Xavier Sola climbed the normal route on Chopicalqui. Pisco Oeste was ascended from the Huan-doy col on August 16 by Franz Ludwig and Jaume Badrenas and on August 20 by Joseph María Sola, Joan Llasera and Antoni Vilaseca. On August 18 Jordi Selga, Joan Vinyoli and I set out, climbing the east couloir to reach the northeast ridge of Huascarán (first climbed by Spaniards in 1961). We finally completed the climb on the summit of Huascarán on August 22. Jordi Mur and Jaume Barnils reached the top of Huascarán by the Garganta on August 20, followed by Josep María Sola, Llasera and Dr. Salvador María Cabre on the 27th.

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*Huascarán on Two Artificial Legs.* In early August the Englishman, Norman Croucher, who has two artificial legs, climbed to the summits of both Huascarán and Pisco. He was accompanied by Terry Tullis and his wife Julie, Dennis Kemp, Mike Welham, Mike O'Shea and Denny Moorhouse.

*Chacaraju Este, South Face, Alpamayo, West Face and Other Peaks.* After two attempts, both of which were thwarted by bad weather, Steve Brewer and I made a new route on the south face of Chacaraju Este. Our route ascended in a more or less direct line to a point some 300 feet to the west of the summit and so was well to the right of the Japanese route of 1976. The weather was very bad. We climbed up the glacier and halfway up the face to a bergschrund on the first day. We had to camp in the schrund for two days before the weather improved sufficiently to let us climb the rest of the face to the crest of the west ridge. We



hacked a spot for our tent out of the ridge top and then were trapped there for another three days in another storm, running out of food and fuel. On the final day, late in August, it took us one-and-a-half hours to traverse the ridge to the summit. We descended the same day. Just a week before we completed the climb, a Spanish party made the second ascent of Bouchard's route up the south face of Chacaraju Oeste in two-and-a-half days. Earlier I had done the southwest face of Alpamayo with Robert Blatherwick, probably the third ascent of this lovely route first climbed by the Italians in 1975. I also did solo Artesonraju by its north ridge in four-and-a-half hours and climbed Chopicalqui by its southwest ridge with a German, Reinhard Zimmermann.

MARK RICHEY

*Chacaraju and Other Peaks.* Our expedition was composed of Javier Donés, Carlos Miguel Gallego, Ignacio Hernández, Francisco Pavón, Miguel Angel Vidal and me as leader. Our average age was only 21 years. From August 18 to 21, Gallego, Hernández and Vidal made the second direct south face ascent of Chacaraju Oeste alpine-style. (First climbed by John Bouchard and Marie-Odile Meunier, 1977. See *A.A.J.*, 1978, pages 486-7.) The 2500-foot climb was very difficult with ice walls up to 90°. On August 28 and 29 I climbed the west ridge of Huandoy Este solo. That same month this route had been tried unsuccessfully by a Swiss and two Spanish groups. The first 350 feet of rotten rock were the most difficult. It was there earlier this year that one of the Swiss was killed. Hernández and Pavón climbed Chopicalqui by its west ridge from August 27 to 29. The other climbs were all solo: Yanapaccha Oeste via the north face by Donés on August 27; Pisco Oeste via the southwest face by Donés on August 28; Pisco Este via the southwest face by me on August 27; Pisco Oeste via the southwest face on August 9 by Donés and on August 27 by Pavón.

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*Taulliraju, Abasraju, Santa Cruz, Huandoy Oeste, Chacaraju Este, Solo.* After an acclimatization climb of Pisco with François Lafaye in late May, I made five solo ascents. From the Quebrada Santa Cruz on June 9 in eight hours I made the fourth ascent of Taulliraju (19,128 feet) by a partially new route, the south face and south-southeast ridge. Halfway up the ridge, I joined the route done by the Chamonix guides at the end of May. This splendid, direct, mixed route rises some 2000 feet from the bergschrund to the summit. There were severe difficulties in the bottom half where it was difficult to find protection on narrow tongues of snow and immense ice-coated, smooth slabs. I descended the same route. Abasraju (18,209 feet) had beaten off all attempts because of its complex ridges and steep faces. On June 13 in six-and-a-half hours I