

lower buttress up to about 18,700 feet on July 20 to 22, 1977. From there, about 650 feet below the junction with the main ridge, it was mixed climbing or snow and ice. They went alpine style from the top of the fixed ropes and got to the top in three days, on July 26, 1977. They descended the normal route.

*Artesonraju, South Face.* Maurice Barrard soloed the south face of Artesonraju, not a first ascent, on August 6, 1977. On June 9, 1978 Patrick Vallençant soloed the face and then descended it on skis.

*Artesonraju.* Our expedition was composed of María Antonia Crespo, Miguel and Fidel de Godos, Pedro Marcos, Jorge Izquierdo, Vicente García, Javier Martínez and me. Marcos and I climbed Artesonraju (19,767 feet) by the north-northeast glacier, the north-northeast face and the north ridge. We got to the top on July 19 from Camp II at 18,600 feet. The descent by the same route involved seven rappels. On July 22 Marcos, Fidel de Godos and Martínez climbed Millishraju II (18,045 feet). Base Camp was at 14,100 feet in the Quebrada Artesón, which rises off the Quebrada Santa Cruz.

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*Chopicalqui and Other Peaks.* Claude Ferrand, Marc Hannisberg, André Huet, Arlette Mollaret, Elisée Nicolas and I made the following ascents: Pisco (18,898 feet) on June 30 and Yanapaccha (17,914 feet) on July 10. From July 2 to 6 Mlle Nicolas and I climbed Chopicalqui (20,817 feet).

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*Quitaraju and Other Peaks.* Johann Wittmann, Hans Buttkuss, Eva Selle, Klaus Stark, Fritz Buchwald, Werner Brand and I were at Base Camp in the Quebrada Santa Cruz at 13,450 feet from June 19 to July 8. We failed to climb Artesonraju by the normal north ridge route when we ran into a 100-foot section of bare ice at 18,000 feet, caused by unusually dry weather. We also climbed Quitaraju (19,850 feet) and five 5000-meter peaks, including Arhueikaka (17,651 feet).

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*Yanapaccha, Northwest Couloir, Pisco, South Face, Chacaraju Attempt and Taulliraju, South-Southeast Ridge.* Our expedition consisted of Jean-Paul Balmat, Daniel Monaci, Hervé Thivierge and me. We chose a very early date and the weather really turned good only after May 15. We set up Base Camp in the Quebrada Llanganuco on May 3. On May 5 we climbed Yanapaccha by the northwest couloir. On May 9 and 10 we made our most difficult climb, the south face of Pisco, in 17 hours of