

*Silverthrone.* Rod Newcomb, Dean Moore, Jake Elkins and I skied up to the summit ridge of Silverthrone via the south icefall and returned on skis, quite a navigation problem through the icefall.

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*P 6910 and the "Throne," "Little Switzerland," within the Big Bend of the Kahiltna.* Ron Baird, Ned Lewis and I put up new routes on two granite buttresses extending southwest off P 6910. (First ascent via northwest couloir in 1976 by Roger Robinson, Brian Okonek. See *A.A.J.*, 1978, page 513.) *Mimi's Apron* (NCCS II, F9) lies on the southeast face of the lower buttress. The route offers a variety of rock climbing from jam-cracks to friction slabs. *Mozart's Scale* (NCCS II, F7) follows the southern prow of the higher buttress. This is a recommended warm-up climb. Lewis and I made the second ascent of the "Throne" (P 7390; see *A.A.J.*, 1978 photo on page 511 and text on page 512) via a new route on the south face. We front-pointed up an ice gully and due to avalanche hazards climbed unroped to a rock band two-thirds of the way up the gully. Lewis led through this wet and icy rock band with difficult crampon edging and a few desperate reaches. The upper third of the gully steepened and was filled with deep, loose snow. On reaching the summit ridge, we saw our goal in the distance and realized that our climbing had only begun. Hanging cornices and 80° snow slopes made our destination seem unreachable. After two pitches of exposed climbing, we found the key, a chimney system and at its top a keyhole we squeezed through to overcome the crux of the ridge. After three more pitches of belly crawling over cornices, we reached the summit.

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*P 7200 and Other Peaks, Little Switzerland.* Dan Hansen, Nick Giustina, Chris Haunold, Jane Ramp, Kent Benesch, Jim Anglin and I spent ten days in Little Switzerland between July 4 and 14, much of it stormbound. On July 13 the ever present rain ceased and glorious warming sun came out. As the temperature dropped, the snow stabilized. Dan Hansen and I left Base Camp at ten P.M., skied and walked a mile westward down the Pica Glacier and then north another mile to a small glacier at the foot of P 7200 (62° 44' 30" N., 151° 11' 30" W., just northeast of P 7490). We ascended a steep couloir to the west and retraced the route of our attempt on July 9 to 6500 feet. We climbed a firm, 10-foot-deep avalanche chute to gain the "summit ridge" at 6800 feet. The "ridge" turned out to be a series of large cornices and ridges of snow running along a line of partially exposed rock. After climbing northward up and down 80° snow faces, we put in a fixed line with