

**Peru—Cordillera Blanca**

*Peaks on the Cashan Ridge and Other Peaks, 1980.* Ascents of Allpamayo and Kitaraju with James O'Neill prepared me for late-season soloing in August, 1980 after the departure of my partner. Reconnaissance of the west face of Huantsán from the Quebrada Rajucolta prompted me to investigate a more prudent line on Cashan Este. After reaching the glacier at the base of that peak, I decided it looked uninteresting and so I began instead by climbing the steep granite of the north-northwest face of the second minor summit east of Cashan Oeste. After I reached the summit, unable to downclimb reasonably, I was compelled to move east toward Cashan Este. The climbing on the ridge was delicate and exposed, with the conditions varying from waist-deep corn snow to towers of blue water ice. I spent the night en route, without sleeping gear or food, and reached the summit of Cashan Este early on the second day. I descended the northeast face. The climb provided some of the most interesting, gymnastic and thought-provoking problems I have yet encountered in climbing ice. In mid-September I climbed Chopicalqui via the west ridge. Beginning in mid-morning from 16,000 feet, I made the summit by sunset and descended through the séracs and ice forms of the Llanganuco Glacier by moonlight. Finally, I reached the top of Huascarán Sur via the Garganta on September 30, 1980 after several days of climbing.

PETER J. MILLAR, *Unaffiliated*

*Cashan Este, from the East.* On July 12 Richard Soaper, Bob Wilson, Carolyn Griffin and I climbed Cashan Este (5723 meters, 18,777 feet) from the Quebrada Rurec. We were camped at 15,750 feet above a small glacier lake, east of Cashan Este. We followed the moraine to its highest point and continued up the glacier toward a prominent eastern subsidiary peak, which is easily visible from the Quebrada Rurec. We passed north of the subsidiary peak on wide snowfields and gained the east ridge about 650 feet below the summit. We traversed along the ridge, bypassing its high séracs on the northern side in soft snow. Finally a steep snowfield led us to the summit. We started at 6:30, reached the glacier at 7:15, got to the east ridge at 11:00 and were on the summit at two P.M.

HANS STEYSKAL, *Iowa Mountaineers*

*Nevado Rurec and Other Peaks.* Guiding for the Iowa Mountaineers, Franz Mohling and I helped to establish various routes in the Quebrada Rurec region. Counting from Nevado Rurec south to Uruashraju, we named the three minor peaks Rurec #1, #2 & #3. On July 6 Larry and Steve Swanson, Bob Joy, Richard Jones, Jeff Lund and I strolled up Rurec #3 while Franz, Sarah Chaney and Doug Tody did the same on