

Alpamayo, Kitaraju, Santa Cruz. Guides were active in the Cordillera Blanca. On June 15 Italian Giancarlo Grassi and Frenchman Jean-Noël Roche guided six others up the southwest face of Alpamayo in five hours. Tone Valeruz is said then to have descended the left side of the face, where it is less high and less steep, on skis. The next day he repeated the route solo in only two hours. On June 17 Grassi and Roche climbed the north face of Kitaraju. Roche descended the face on skis. Toward the end of June Roche and Gérard Guijarro repeated Sombardier's route on the southwest face of Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz, West Ridge. Our Austrian expedition on May 3 tried to make the ascent of the northeast face of Santa Cruz Chico but we had to withdraw at 18,550 feet, some 500 feet below the summit. From May 5 to 7 Siefried Wasserbauer, Karl Antensteiner, Anderl Gressenbauer and I made the second ascent of the west ridge of Santa Cruz. After our time in the Cordillera Blanca, we went to Cordillera Huayhuash where we climbed Yerupajá from May 18 to 22 by the normal route.

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Peru—Cordillera Huayhuash

Jirishanca, East Ridge. The east ridge of Jirishanca was first attempted unsuccessfully by Frenchmen Stéphane Dewèze, Antoine Noury and Peruvian Rodrigo Callupe. The two Frenchmen made a second attempt. After six days on the ridge, on steep, soft snow, on delicate mixed climbing or on overhanging ice which called for artificial aid, they were about 300 feet from the summit and above the difficulties when one of their packs ripped apart. Their tent, bivouac gear and climbing gear plunged downward. They were forced to descend immediately, Noury without crampons and Dewèze without an ice axe.

Yerupajá. We had hoped to climb Siulá by its west face, but because there was so little snow in the last years, because of March floods and the June earthquake, the approaches were not practicable. We therefore turned to the mountain that blocked the end of the valley, Yerupajá. We climbed from our 14,100-foot Laguna Sarapo Base Camp up the south face to the southwest ridge route. Camps were at 16,400 and 19,850 feet. On July 21 Felice Fedeli, Mario Bramati, Carlo Besana, Maurizio Simonetto, Adelio Fumagalli and I reached the summit.

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Yerupajá, West Face, 1980. In 1980 Czechoslovaks Jaromir Stejskal, Josef Rakoncaj, Miloš Nosek and Jiří Beneš climbed the west face of