

ascended the easy south ridge of Mount Duval, Sean Dougherty climbed the easy south face of "Anaqaq I," while Ian Beckington, John Graham and Mark Nicholson climbed Asgard's north peak via the Swiss route. On July 26 Beckingham, Graham and Perkins climbed "Bilbo" via the west face and ridge and Beckingham and Perkins continued along the ridge to the south to climb a new peak they called "Isengard." On July 27 Dougherty and Nicholson ascended Umik via the loose south gully while Beckingham and Graham climbed "Frodo" via the south face. Daniel Longpré, Danielle Girard, Christianne Gauthier, Colette Bernier, Alain Gauthier, Patricia Lucas and Richard Duber from Montreal climbed Freya on August 5, Adlok on the 6th and Tyr on the 7th.

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GREENLAND

Peaks in Southern Schweizerland, East Greenland. Our ski, mountaineering and scientific expedition of the Ligure Section of the Italian Alpine Club consisted of Anthony House, Marco and Enrico Chierici, Emma and Gianni Bisio, Paolo Gardino, Bruno Vian, Magda DeFerrari, Carlo Malerba, Mino Girelli, Rosanna Pisoni, G. Camillo Cortemiglia, Bruno Messiga, G. Battista Piccardo and me as leader. On July 14 we were helicoptered to Base Camp at 66°12'02" N, 36°46'05" W, between the 16th of September and Kârale Glaciers. On our return we skied to the head of the Tasilaq Fjord and returned to Angmagssalik by boat. The following ascents were made: [The location of the peaks climbed are given referring to P 1750 and P 1700, which appear on the map of the region. Ascents were mountaineering climbs unless mention is made of their being ski ascents.—*Editor.*] P 1750 (5742 feet) via east side, ski, on July 15 by Fasciolo, House, M. and E. Chierici, E. and G. Bisio, Gardino, Vian, DeFerrari, Malerba and via south side, ski, on July 19 by Fasciolo, Gardino; Peak 2 (1550 meters, 5081 feet) via new route, southwest face, by House, E. Chierici; Peak 3 (1600 meters, 5250 feet) via south side, probable first ascent, ski, by Gardino, Malerba; Peak 4 (1650 meters, 5414 feet) via west side, ski, by G. Bisio, Vian, DeFerrari (Peaks 3, 4, and 2 lie from northwest to southeast about 3 kms west of P 1700; all three were climbed on July 16); Peak 5 (1550 meters, 5081 feet) via new route on ice and mixed terrain on west face by Fasciolo, House, E. and M. Chierici and Peak 6 (1300 meters, 4265 feet) via west side, ski, by E. and G. Bisio, Vian, Gardino, Malerba, DeFerrari (Peak 5 is northeast of Peak 6 about 4 kms southeast of P 1700; both climbed on July 17); Peak 8 (1400 meters, 4593 feet) via southwest side on July 20 by Gardino, G. Bisio, Malerba (2 kms east of P 1750); Peak 9 (1500 meters, 4922 feet) via north ridge, first ascent, on July 21 by House, E. Chierici (4 kms south of P 1700); and P 1700 (5578 feet) via new route, west spur, by Fasciolo, M. Chierici and via north ridge by Gardini, Malerba on July 21. E. and M. Chierici, House, Gerelli and I then traveled two days east nearly to the junction of the 16th of September and Knud

Rasmussen Glaciers and on July 26 climbed P 1780 (5840 feet) by a new route, the south face. An extensive program of petrographical, geological and geomorphological work was carried out by the University of Genoa as well as zoological and botanical studies.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Venezuela

Pico Micarí, Southeast Face, Sierra de la Culata. With sisters Clara and Consuelo Torre, I set out to climb the interesting southeast rock face of Pico Micarí or Bartolo (4441 meters, 14,570 feet), located in the central district of the Sierra de la Culata, north of the city of Mérida. Consuelo stayed in the high camp, while Clara and I engineered the route and overcame the last part, which we called El Diedro (August 4); descent was made by rappel. All previous routes had taken the west side.

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Colombia—Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Picos Oriental and Ojeda, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Todd Swain, Thomas ("Tad") Welch and I visited the northern side of the range in January 1984. Contrary to the experiences reported by several climbing parties in recent years, we found no obstacles to access to these mountains. It appears, moreover, that the Indians' attitude will remain favorable to climbers, now that they have fixed outrageous prices for mules and muleteers. We found the range lacking in snow, abundant in execrable-looking granite. Tad Welch and I did the first ascent of the north face of Oriental—climbing on tricky snow, but with good rock belays—and on another day the first ascent of the unnamed peak immediately to the west of Oriental. Meanwhile Todd Swain, who'd been laid out with a strong dose of *la turista*, recovered sufficiently for a tour de force on Ojeda. Over three days he soloed unroped the long rocky northeast ridge, which included several technical moves in the 5.5 to 5.6 range.

JOHN THACKRAY

Colombia—Sierra Nevada de Cocuy

Ritacuba Negro, Northwest Face, 1980-1. Sergio Gaviria, Colombian, A. Antoine, Swiss and Ecuadorians R. Navarrete and M. Suárez climbed directly