

Chacaraju. A French expedition led by René Desmaison made a new route on Chacaraju in 1983 just to the right of the Bouchard route. They were seven days on the face and bivouacked six nights. The summit was reached by Michel Arizzi, Xavier Chappaz, Jacques Fouque and Desmaison.

Peru—Cordilleras Huayhuash and Raura

Rasac, Middle Buttress of West Face, and Yerupajá, West Face Direct. From June 23 to 26 Louis Deuber, my wife Alice and I climbed the west face of Rasac. From Rasaccocha we climbed east for four rope-lengths over polished cliffs to a small lake at the edge of the glacier, where we bivouacked at 16,000 feet. We ascended a not very steep glacial terrace to the foot of the middle buttress at 17,725 feet, then climbed the left side of the buttress to bivouac in the upper third. We reached the summit ridge 800 feet north of the highest point. This was an objectively safe, demanding and interesting ice climb with some pitches up to 60°. [The buttress was climbed by two Frenchmen and a German in 1980, though they approached the buttress differently, traversing from the col west of Rasac Oeste. See *A.A.J.*, 1981, page 226.—*Editor.*] From July 3 to 7 Deuber, Kurt Graf, Peruvian Alberto Callupe and I climbed alpine-style the direct west face of Yerupajá, emerging right on the summit. We bivouacked at 19,700 and 21,000 feet and a rope-length below the summit. We bivouacked again at 21,000 feet during the descent. Callupe, who is one of his country's best climbers, is the first Peruvian to climb the west face direct (and probably the first Peruvian to reach the summit).

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Puscanturpa Norte, North Buttress. In June, I climbed solo the north buttress of Puscanturpa Norte. When I climbed it I had thought it was a first ascent but I later read that it had been done by Italians in 1981. (See *A.A.J.*, 1983, pages 196-7.) The previous ascent was spread over three weeks and required at least one full pitch of aid. I climbed from a bivouac at the base. I spent six hours on the rock from the beginning of the difficulties to reach the summit. I did it all free. The rock was excellent apart from scree on the ledges and the climbing ranged from 5.7 to 5.10 with the average difficulty being about 5.8.

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Yerupajá, East Spur Attempt, 1982. An Italian expedition composed of Ugo Vialardi, leader, Giovanni Boggio, Tiziano Fiorese, Fabrizio Badone and Mauro Penasa failed to complete a partially new route on the east spur of Yerupajá. The beginning of their route was different from that of Wurm and Majerl, who climbed the east spur to the summit on June 24, 1969 (*A.A.J.*, 1970, page 64). The Austrians climbed onto the spur from a camp at 5700 meters on the east