

60° to 70° hard snow and ice, the last 80 meters being verglas-coated rock. The next 100 meters were 70° to 90° ice and the last 100 meters to the crest were of extremely difficult mixed climbing and 75° to 90° ice. After reaching the ridge crest, we did not continue along the ridge to the summit because of bad weather.

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*Artesonraju, Ski Descent.* The ski descent expedition to Artesonraju consisted of Peter Werschkul, Jack Leaven, Doug Greene and me. In 1978 Patrick Vallençant first skied this peak by the same route. I was the first American and second person to do so. On May 28 Werschkul, Leaven and I left a 17,000-foot bivouac to climb the south face. The snow was thigh-deep. At 19,200 feet, 500 feet below the summit, a large fracture extended horizontally across the whole face where the slope changed from concave to convex. We decided it was too dangerous to proceed higher. It took me 35 minutes to ski 1700 vertical feet on the 50° to 60° slope. I then skied the rest of the way to our 17,000-foot bivouac site. The next day I skied down to our Advance Base at 16,000 feet.

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*Notable Ascents in the Cordillera Blanca, 1984.* Aniela Tukoiszewska and Ewa Szczesniar from Poland climbed Handoy Norte by its east ridge between July 5 and 8. They ascended from the Pisco-Huandoy Este Glacier, taking the couloir which is between Huandoy Norte and Huandoy Este to get to the col between these two peaks and then went to the summit from there. American Steve Monk and Swiss Xaver Bongard climbed the Pirámide de Garcilazo on August 10 by the direct southwest face. Pierre-Alain Romagnoli and Bongard climbed Pisco's south face on June 7, followed on June 13 by American Franc Marics and me. On June 16 Romagnoli and Bongard climbed the west face of Alpamayo. Bongard made a solo ascent of the south face of Ocshapalca to within 65 feet of the top on June 8.

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*Huantsán, Western Summit and Other Peaks.* In July John Tarver and Kevin Starr climbed to the western summit of Huantsán up the north-facing ice slope between the main and west summits. They set out from the Laguna Tambillo in the Quebrada Rajucolta and climbed below the ice cliffs to the base of the west face. They then ascended twenty pitches of 55° ice and snow to the col and up to the western summit. They bivouacked once near the top of the ice cliff. They considered the route to the main summit too dangerous. They descended the slopes on the south. In August Tarver and Chris Hassig climbed the southwest face of Alpamayo in two hours from the bergschrund, unroped until the last ten meters. That same day Tom and Mike Carr also climbed the southwest face of Alpamayo by a longer flute. This same pair also climbed the south face of