

*Yerupajá, First Completely Peruvian Ascent.* On July 8 Rodrigo Callupe, Victorino Basilio, Félix Vicencio, Magno Camones, Alberto Simangas and Mario Mazuelos reached the summit of Yerupajá, the first completely Peruvian group to do so, although the summit had been reached in 1983 with a foreign expedition by Alberto Callupe.

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*Jirishanca Chico and Ninashanca.* Italians, E. Rosso, G. Lanza and E. Contini, climbed the southeast face of Jirishanca Chico (5427 meters, 17,805 feet) by a new route on the southeast face, which went up 1000 feet of icefall and then up 1650 feet of steep mixed ice-and-rock face. The alpine-style climb was completed on August 2. They then turned to Ninashanca (5607 meters, 18,396 feet), where they made a new route on the left side of the south face. They first climbed a 1500-foot-high icefall to reach a plateau behind the east ridge of Rondoy. They climbed couloirs with angles of 75° to 90° up the south face of Ninashanca and reached the summit on August 7.

*Rasac Central, West Spur.* A. Antola, F. Ferraresi and A. Mantero made a new route, the west spur of Rasac Central (5617 meters, 18,429 feet) on August 5. From an average of 50°, the climb had passages of 70°.

*Nevado Rasac, East Face Variant.* Ecuadorians F. Espinoza, M. Purúncajas and H. Torres, from Ambato, made on August 3 a variant on the east face of Rasac (6040 meters, 19,817 feet) by keeping to its rock wall. They had to bivouac just below the top during the descent.

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*El Toro, East Face.* The east face of El Toro was climbed by Swiss, who reached the summit on June 20. They fixed some rope on this 3500-foot face. The climbers were Lucien Abbet, Patrick Delale, Jean-Pierre Frossard, Pierre-Antoine Hiroz and Stéphane Schaffter. They made 37 rappels on the descent.

*Huayhuash Traverse Attempt.* A very strong French team of leader René Desmaison, Michel Arizzi, Xaxier Chappaz, René Ghilini, Jacques Fouque and Christophe Profit had hoped to traverse the Cordillera Huayhuash from Rondoy over Jirishanca and other peaks to Yerupajá, more than 12 miles and of extreme difficulty at high altitudes. The plan was foiled by very bad weather. However, Desmaison, Ghilini and Profit did climb the west face of Yerupajá from 5100 meters in a single day.

*Puscanturpa Norte, North Face.* Our expedition was composed of Graziano Bianchi, leader, Corrado Brustia, Felice Boselli, Osvaldo Antonietti, Silvio Mondinelli, Gino Mora, Ambrogio Veronelli, Sergio Zambra, Mario Valsecchi and me. Bianchi was returning after an attempt in 1974 and an ascent in 1975 of