

moderate angle, except for a short section of 80° ice. Immediately below the summit, an obligatory 20-meter vertical section had to be negotiated. I turned a second 5-meter step on the left to a spectacular snow arête leading very soon to the main summit. I soloed the route on December 19.

BOB COTTER

*Prusik Peak, South Face of West Ridge.* On August 3, after being stopped the previous day, Rich Romano led through the large overhangs 50 feet to the right of our 1987 route. A pitch higher in a big alcove, we crossed left of the other route, then climbed a beautiful white dihedral by a thin finger crack, gaining the west ridge (II, 5.11+). The following day, we climbed a diagonal crack system up and to the right to a belay on the southwest arête and ultimately to the west ridge (II, 5.11). On August 11, David Goland and I did a route that starts further left, in a striking right-angle dihedral. After two pitches, we were forced out of the dihedral by the lack of protection. We entered a curving slot up and right, which placed us at the base of the now familiar finger crack (II, 5.10+). The climbs are named *Double Bein*, *Keep on Belton*, and *Notley's Direct*.

FRED YACKULIC

*Mount Rainier, South Tahoma Headwall, Left.* On June 26, Bruce Anderson and I did this route, following an obvious gully and ramp system on the left side of the face. At about 12,600 feet, we followed a narrower gully back right, directly toward the top of the headwall. Two short rock bands in this section required piton protection. The route finishes at a corner just below Point Success. It is essential to do the route under cold conditions as most of it is subject to significant rockfall.

STEVEN C. RISSE

*Liberty Bell, Southeast Corner, Freedom Rider.* Bryan Burdo and I climbed this route on August 13 and 14. It follows the corner system beginning 150 feet left of Liberty Crack. After the first few moderate pitches, increasingly difficult climbing on the fourth pitch leads to exit cracks on the right, which are followed to a ledge next to Liberty Crack. After 30 feet of an open-book directly above, a spectacular traverse and step across to the left leads to crack systems. These are followed for 150 feet to a large sandy ledge, which makes a wonderfully comfortable bivouac. Next, the route ascends the Liberty Crack second-ascent party's route through Medusa's Roof. This involves some very exposed chimneying past the roof and then takes crack systems directly to the summit (IV, 5.10d).

STEVEN C. RISSE

*Mount Blum.* Distance and steep forest approaches have severely limited the ascents of this peak. On July 31, my brother Gordie, Steve Ollila, Eric Thorson