

*Mount Turnweather, Insumisioa.* Spanish climbers Miguel Berazaluze, Manu Blaquez, Cristobel Diaz and Raul Melero forged a new route on Mount Turnweather in Auyutitui National Park. *Insumisioa* (VI 6b+ A4) covers 1200 meters in 31 pitches.

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*Kiguti, Nirvana, and Attempt on The Fin.* Our expedition was composed of Pepe Chaverri, Javier Ballester and Daniel Ascaro, all of us from Huesca, Spain. We visited the Sam Ford Fjord, located 100 miles north of Clyde River. During our stay we managed the first ascent of Kiguti, climbing its 300-foot north face alpine-style. We also attempted a new route on The Fin, but had to desist due to bad weather. We arrived at basecamp on May 16, and after hauling our gear (including food for one week) to the base of the wall, we started up on May 21. The lower part of the wall proved fairly easy (5.9 A2). On the 24th we arrived at a good ledge three-quarters of the way up. By this point the weather started deteriorating and the difficulties increased considerably (A3+). We fixed four pitches on the following days and on the 27th, seeing no improvement in the weather, we decided to push on non-stop to the summit, which we reached on the 28th. We spent the following week recovering from this climb. For the next three weeks we attempted a new route on The Fin, but the weather proved to be extremely uncooperative and we had to desist after climbing one-third of the wall. On June 24 we returned to Clyde River.

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*Ascents on Great Cross Pillar, The Turret, and an Attempt On Polar Sun Spire.* Mark Synnott, Warren Hollinger and Jerry Gore spent from May 13 until the end of June in Sam Ford Fjord, accomplishing a first ascent of The Great Cross Pillar (5500 feet) via the prow of the south face. *Crossfire* (VI 5.10 A4) was done in 19 pitches with 60-meter ropes; the summit was reached on June 3. *Nuvualik* (VI 5.10+ A3), a new route on the west face of the Turret (2000 feet), was done in 15 pitches with 60-meter ropes; the summit was reached on June 22. A line was also attempted on Polar Sun Spire. An account of the team's activity in Sam Ford Fjord appears earlier in this journal. (See photo on page 200.)

*Walker Citadel, Southeast Face.* Paul Gagner and Rick Lovelace climbed a new route, *Superunknown* (VI 5.10 A3) on the southeast face of the Walker Citadel in Sam Ford Fjord over the course of 22 days. The story

Approaching Kiguti.  
Javier Ballester



of their climb and subsequent problematic retreat appears earlier in this journal.

#### Northwest Territories

*Mount Proboscis, Crazy Horse.* On July 30, pilot Warren LaFave flew Simon Elias (Spain), Chad McMullen and me onto Glacier Lake below the Cirque of the Unclimbables. LaFave arranged a helicopter to then fly us, and our mountain gear, to the base of Mount Proboscis. After establishing camp near the base of the wall, we fixed the first three pitches of the route and waited for the rain to stop. After a week waiting out the rain we realized we could spend the rest of the trip waiting for good weather. We ascended our fixed ropes and prepared for a very wet stay on the wall. However, luck was with us — the next day dawned clear and blue. After the ice stopped falling from the summit we got down to business. It became very apparent that the "beautiful cracks" we had spied from the ground were nothing more than very thin shallow grooves. We managed a pitch a day for the first three days. After about 600 feet the cracks began to open up and allowed free climbing with the occasional stretch of aid, 500 feet of which brought us to a roof about two-thirds of the way up the route. We moved camp up to there in favor of the protection it would provide if and when the weather returned. Above the roof two beautiful pitches of aid brought us to a blank section of the wall. A pendulum into a beautiful hand crack proved the solution. From there the way to the top was clean. Moderate free climbing with a point or two of aid led to the narrow airy summit, completing the fifth ascent of the face and the fourth route. Six rappels down our route brought us back to the sanctuary of our bivy under the roof. The next day clouds rolled in; nine more quick rappels down our route and the climb was truly over. The ascent required eight days to complete in capsule style. We named the route *Crazy Horse* in memory of all the dirty Spanish jokes we were told while waiting for the sun. We'd like to thank Warren LaFave for his hospitality, generosity and just generally going out of his way to help make three climbers on a budget's trip a success.

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*Mount Harrison Smith, North Pillar.* It was reported that Germans Kurt Albert, Stefan Glowacz, Gerd Heidorn and Leo Reitzner free climbed a 700-meter new route on Mount Harrison Smith, *Fitzcarraldo* (5.12b). The team took two weeks to bushwack its way into the Cirque of the Unclimbables, paddle 200 kilometers along the Macmillan and South Nahanni Rivers, and ferry loads to basecamp. They then spent three days climbing the 16-pitch route, rappelling the line of ascent with 60-meter ropes. They placed 50