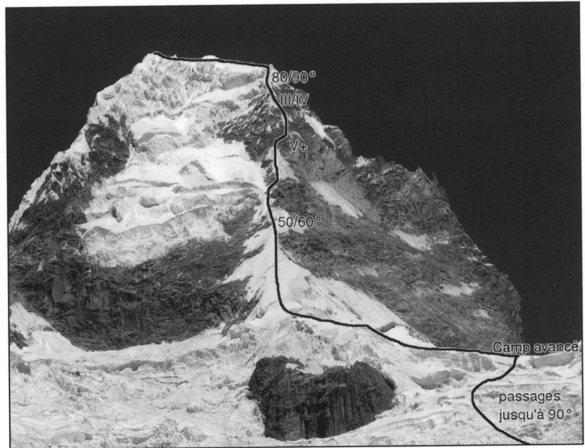


wall, 100m left of The Furious Gods (Beaulieu-Légaré, 2003), and offers free-climbing with difficulties around French 6b+ and A2+. The route is 680m long (16 pitches); they did no drilling but left fixed pitons. The rock is rarely good. Actually it is mostly very rotten; cracks are sometimes full of earth and big, loose stones are waiting to sweep climbers off the wall or at least cut the rope. “You have to be very committed to start such a wall,” the team declared, but they don’t regret it. The route’s name is *Salida desde la Oscuridad*, because the most important moment was when they made their Exit from the Shadow [the route name in English] into the sun again.

JAKUB RADZIEJOWSKI, *Warsaw, Poland*

*Nevado Ulta, Toy’s Band.* After our climb in the Huayhuash [see below], we returned to Huaraz to learn about conditions. The guide Alfredo, of the agency Mountclimb, helped us considerably. We needed two or three days of rest to recover from a night spent in the El Tambo discotheque, but do not regret it. Benoît Montfort and I then took the bus to Chacas, in the Cordillera Blanca, crossing a 4,900m pass before coming down to Chacas. We got off around 4,200m and made our first bivouac at the foot of the glacier below the east face of Nevado Ulta (5,875m). The following day we crossed the glacier and bivied on the northeast shoulder. We suggest leaving early because of threatening séracs. Ice fell almost everywhere and didn’t have the politeness to avoid our tracks. We left early and ascended the first part by slopes of easy ice. A rocky projection above, where it’s helpful to have cams, contained the route’s most technical part (V+ max [French rock grade]). There were beautiful icy passages before we arrived at the summit. We rappelled the route and found two old pitons in a block in a mound of ice (attempt or unknown success?).



The east face of Nevado Ulta, showing Toy’s Band. Given the scarcity of old route line photos and dramatically different conditions, it is difficult to know whether this route climbs substantial new ground. The summit ridge has been climbed at least twice prior, and the remaining line may share portions of the 1961 NE Face/Rib (Bogner-Hechtel-Kämpfe-Liska). *Benoît Montfort*

PIERRE LABBRE, *France*

*Nevado Chugllaraju, British Route to summit ridge.* On June 24 John Pearson and I climbed a new route on the west face of Nevado Chugllaraju (5,575m), southwest of Nevado Ulta and between it and Nevado Cancaraca. A complex approach led to the route, which started with an icy runnel on the right side of the face, followed by several steeper sections of ice (up to Scottish IV/V) before we reached a mixed upper section. This section proved to be the crux, a couple of pitches going at Scottish V. The rest of the route was mostly 55-60° and, although short (350m, 8