

Colorado Mountain Club reports that there has been a great increase in interest and in the number of climbers. They feel that this increase in numbers of less experienced persons accounts in part for the increase in accidents on CMC trips. Because of this interest they have increased the number of trips so that the leader load will be less and in the event of an accident evacuation will be easier. They have a leader training program and feel that this was valuable in the two accidents which did occur this year on CMC trips, since the handling of the injured was excellent.

The *University of Colorado* has instituted a Mountaineers Register where climbers register before climbs and check in at the end. This has worked very successfully and is recommended for other similarly situated groups.

The *Mountain Rescue Council* of Seattle is an extremely active group and does excellent work in rescue and education. They have worked out a well integrated rescue technique involving police, Coast Guard, and a volunteer group of mountaineers. They have used helicopters in many of their rescue operations with great success. The purpose of their active program is to indoctrinate safety consciousness into their area. Wolf G. Bauer, Chairman of the Council has written a good brochure, "Can You Handle an Emergency?" This is a practical booklet about what to do in an emergency in the mountains. It is available from the Mountain Rescue Council at cost (\$0.20 each).

The *Seattle Mountaineers* write that they have organized their safety committee into the following groups: education and publicity, climbing safety developments, investigations of accidents and dangerous practice, and a group to study rescue evacuation techniques.