

spring weather. However, both were unprepared for an overnight bivouac and bad weather as well.

Once the weather turned bad, the two were almost immediately in trouble and became hypothermic, and when their rope was jammed they could not free it and called for help.

A rescue team was sent at 3:30 a.m. on an established trail up Yosemite Falls. All were experienced personnel and had been over the trail on many previous occasions. For unknown reasons, rescuer Jack Dorn stepped off the trail and slid 400 feet down a slab to his death.

The rescue of Day and Evans proceeded at daylight and a second recovery party was organized to retrieve Dorn's body. Day and Evans were rescued and were able to walk down the trail after warming themselves and having some nourishment. Day's and Evans' situation was preventable and Jack Dorn's death was an unbelievable tragedy. (Source: Tim Setnicka, Yosemite National Park.)

*FALLING ROCK—California, Yosemite Valley.* Michael Cannon (23) and Mark Richey (19) had just come off the Steck-Salathe route on Sentinel Peak. Richey had tied himself to the wall and Cannon was behind a large flake on a sizeable ledge. The next thing that Richey knew, the ledge gave way from under Cannon, resulting in a 600-foot fall.

Richey felt that the ledge was very adequate, and had appeared to have a number of other climbers do the same thing that Cannon had done. Richey was able to Class 3 the descent route to report the accident, arriving at the ranger station at 11 p.m. (Source: Charles Farabee, Yosemite National Park.)

*Analysis:* Cannon's death occurred when a huge block he was standing on decided to break off. There was no way to predict when the block would break off and it would be unrealistic to say Cannon should have been clipped in because the block was large enough that most climbers could have felt secure enough to walk around on it unroped or not clipped in. (Source: Tim Setnicka, Yosemite National Park.)

*RAPPEL FAILURE, INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT, INEXPERIENCE—California, Yosemite Valley.* On July 17, while rappelling off the Glacier Point apron, Mike Ireland (27) and his four climbing partners used what was later identified to be a bicycle security cable for a rappel anchor. The cable was an attempt to keep climbers from girdling a large tree which is the rappel anchor. Unfortunately, there are no tight controls on the cable swedging which forms the "eyes" of the bicycle cable. The "eyes" were held together by a chain repair link.

Three climbers rappelled down before Ireland without any problems. Ireland began his rappel and was about 10 feet down from the anchor when the short ends of the "eyes" pulled out from the swedge. Ireland slid down 150-