Route by Gowan and Monger, both on Hallet's Peak. Other first winter climbs were on the S Ridge of Notchtop and on Taylor's E Face. In July 1976, Doug Scott, Michael Covington and Dennis Hennek climbed a new 12 pitch route on the highest part of the Diamond Face of Long's Peak (4345m), named Diamond Lil. It is an entirely independent route between the Grand Traverse and Diamond 1, as shown in the accompanying photograph. A review article on winter climbing in the Rocky Mountain National Park by Covington appears in *Climbing* (July–August 1976).

AMERICAN ROCK CLIMBING AREAS

In Yosemite very few new routes are appearing, but aid is systematically being eliminated from established routes. An interesting view of the changes in emphasis in climbing in this valley is contained in *CAJ 59* 46. This is in fact a review by Rick Sylvester of Galen Rowell's book *The Vertical World of Yosemite* which was published in 1974 and has regrettably not been mentioned previously in the *Alpine Journal*. The description review is perhaps misleading, since in the course of his task Sylvester has written a substantial and interesting essay which addresses itself to a number of topics suggested by the book, such as the paucity of American climbing literature, the public image of the climber and the question of style in climbing. In other rock climbing areas such as Tahquitz and Suicide Rocks and Joshua Tree which have been the subject of less attention than Yosemite, new routes are still being discovered. A brief article by Gibb Lewis on Tahquitz and Suicide appears in *Crags 4* 4. An entirely new climbing area in the Newberry Mountains in S Nevada is being explored by Scott Baxter and Ross Harwick; the climbs are on granite spires and domes up to 200m in height.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Off Belay (August 1976) contains an interesting article on the history of Mount Baker (3285m), the highest mountain in the Northern Cascades. It was apparently first climbed by an Englishman, Edward T. Coleman in 1868. *Off Belay* also mentions plans for a desert hiking trail from the Mexican border through to Canada. It would pass through California, Nevada, Oregon and Idaho. The following guides have been noted:

Wind River Trails Finnis Mitchell (Wasatch Publishers, 1975)

Squamish Chief Guide Gordon Smaill (Distributed by Hard, Box 35236, Station E, Vancouver BC, V6M-4G4, Canada, pp 114, 16 photos, 10 drawings, $5.50)

The Climber's Guide to the High Sierra Steve Roper (Sierra Club Books, 530 Bush St. San Fransisco, CA 94104, pp 384, 12 photos, 24 maps, $7.95)

Darrington and Index—Rock Climbing Guide Fred Beckey (The Mountaineers, 719 Pike St, Seattle, Washington 98101)

A Climber's Guide to Glacier National Park (A reprint; Edwards Mountain Press Publishing, Missoula, Montana 59801)

SOUTH AMERICA

An Events and Trends review of South America prepared by Evelio Echevarría, covering the period 1974–76 appears on p 219.

POLAR REGIONS

Again we have rather little news this year of activity in the polar regions. Doug Scott reports that he and Dennis Hennek climbed Overlord in Pangnirtung Fiord in Baffin Land via a new route on the right hand buttress in July 1976. There are 3 prominent buttresses on the W side of the mountain; the left hand one (see accompanying photograph) was climbed by the Japanese and the central one by an English party, both in 1975. Scott and Hennek walked 25 miles up Pangnirtung Fiord and spent $1\frac{1}{2}$ days climbing up severe grade slabs for 500m solo before climbing up steep mainly good granite slabs for 20 long rope lengths. The climbing was mostly HVS and by diligent route finding only 5 pitches were



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on broken ground. There was only 20m of aid on the whole climb.

An arctic dog-sled trek of extreme length (12000km) from Jacobshavn in Greenland to Kotzbue in Alaska has been completed by Naomi Uemura in 313 days. Large sections of the route were over frozen sea. Further details and a map are contained in *Mountain 51* 13.

A list of the highest mountains in the Antarctic has been prepared by Anders Bolinder and appears in *Les Alpes 10* (1976), along with some other interesting geographical data on the Antarctic. The Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains contains the highest peaks (6 above 15,000ft) which are topped by the Vinson Massif at 5139m. The list contains 18 peaks above 4000m, and many of these are still unclimbed. The highest part of the Antarctic ice-cap is in the 'Zone of Inaccessibility' where it reaches 4270m.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Excellent up-to-the-minute accounts of the British climbing scene are printed regularly in *Mountain, Climber and Rambler* and *Crags*. In future therefore we shall confine ourselves to occasional Events and Trends reviews, starting probably next year.

The following guide-books have been received:

Carneddau Les Holliwell (Climbers' Club, 1975, pp 154, diagrams, £2.60) This third edition of the Carneddau Guide, succeeding Tony Moulam's 2 previous editions, has been completely re-written by Les Holliwell and is dedicated to his brother Laurie who was tragically killed on Craig yr Ysfa. The list of first ascents testifies to the contribution the brothers made on Llech Ddu in particular, and comparison with earlier editions shows how this cliff has come into prominence as one of the principal areas for high-grade climbing in Wales. Two hundred and two climbs are described, of which the majority are on Llech Ddu, Craig yr Ysfa and Ysgolion Duon. Whilst a number of climbs are described on other cliffs, many poorer-quality previously-recorded ones have been omitted, and it is