

"Fiesta Mexicana" Weaves Past and Present Together

By JOHN R. McCABE

Aside from the spectacular and intricate costumes of the "Fiesta Mexicana" company, the outstanding quality of the evening of dancing and singing Wednesday, October 5, was that without comment, without special explanation, hundreds of years in time and thousands in culture were woven together with hardly a seam.

Three continuous strands that joined Mayan and Aztec rites with the Mexican celebrations of modern times carried the "Fiesta Mexicana" through microphone trouble and problems with slick spots on the stage with hardly a notice from the attentive audience.

One strand, the nervous energy of living translated into sophisticated rhythms by the Mayans and Aztecs, was continued into the more modern dances, beat out by stamping feet. It was easy and brought an agreeable sensation to recognize the slick rhythms of today's popular Latin - American dance band music in the Mayan drums of ancient times.

A second strand was in the colorful patterns of the dancers' costumes, celebrating the gods long ago and later shared more widely by women at festival time and in the national "Charro" costumes. Intermission talk in the Station Theater foyer was full of appreciation of the intricate rainbow displays.

Third in the strands that bound the un-padded, un-accompanied presentations together in a whole, was the hard-to-define air of light-heartedness, cutting through the "seriousness of the occasion," whether a Mayan rite or a wedding in Oaxaca. A Mayan flute expressed this lighter - than-air spirit in ancient dances, and

flowered in modern celebration through guitar, harp, marimbas and song.

Desert dwellers of the Indian Wells Valley who plan vacations in Mexico, and who can take the time to have a thorough look-around, can expect to find at least some of the color and joy of Javier de Leon's dancing company in its original setting. After all, how many hundreds of years has it been flourishing so far?

Terms Terminate On Council Board

Terms for the China Lake Community Council Board of Directors terminate in November. Persons interested in being nominated as candidates for one of the director vacancies should contact any of the members of the nominating committee, Bernard Connolly, Dave Johanson, or Gene Rosellini.

The nominations will close October 18.

Caution Urged At Main Gate

Traffic will be reduced to one way at the Main Gate all day Saturday, and portions of the traffic circle will be blocked while workmen repair and re-surface the streets.

Where possible, persons entering or leaving the Station are asked to use the South Gate. If the Main Gate must be used, drivers are requested not to drive on the new surface.

Art League Hosts Show and Sale At Bennington Plaza

An art show and sale by many local artists is to be held in the Bennington Plaza in the area between Von's Market and the Station Theatre on October 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Desert Art League, sponsor of the event, will charge participants a \$2.00 exhibit fee. This will allow the artists to exhibit as many paintings as they desire. Space will be on a first come, first served basis.

Each artist should bring his own step ladder, clothes line and thumb tacks for set-ups.

In addition to the show and sale, John and Julie Drow will display their modern jewelry. Everyone is welcome. Further information may be obtained by calling 375-2009.

Receiving Two Awards



RECEIVES AWARDS — Capt. Robert R. Yount, former Commanding Officer, NAF, was recently presented with two Station Industrial Accident Prevention Awards by Capt. John I. Hardy, ComNOTS. The Certificate of Merit was presented for 500,000 man hours worked without a disabling injury for a period from November 1965 to April 1966. The Significant Achievement Award represented 1,000,000 man hours worked without a disabling work injury from November 1965 to August 1966. From left to right are Karsten S. Skaar, Head, Safety Department, Capt. Yount and Capt. Hardy. —Photo by PH-3 Jerry Willey

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 "LT. ROBIN CRUSOE, U.S.N." (13 Min.) Dick Van Dyke, Nancy Kwan, Akim Tamiroff 7:30 p.m.

(Comedy in Color) Jet pilot ditches on a desert island, meets an astro-chimp and a bonified pretty native girl. He teaches her about women's rights and thereby starts a rebellion when she returns to her village. A laugh a minute! (Adults, Youth, Children.) Short: "Two Weeks Vacation" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 —MATINEE— "FAMILY JEWELS" (100 Min.) Jerry Lewis 1:00 p.m.

Shorts: "Oily Bird" (7 Min.) "Captain Kidd" (16 Min.)

—EVENING— "TIKO AND THE SHARK" (88 Min.) All Polyneesian Cast 7:30 p.m.

(Adventure in Color) Tiko and his girl playmate find a baby shark and raise it as a pet. The pair are separated from the island paradise for many years and return to find it spoiled and the shark a man-eater. Undersea thrills! (Adults, Youth and Children.) Short: "Framed Cat" (7 Min.) "Race to Space" (20 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY OCTOBER 16-17 "BATTLE OF THE BULGE" (140 Min.) Robert Shaw, Robert Ryan, Dan Andrews Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Monday 7:00 p.m.

(War Drama) The battle that turned the tide of WWII. A colonel's hunch that the Germans have an "ace" in the Ardennes Forest proves true and the allies have a battle to stop the Tiger tanks thrown at them. Action-packed thriller. (Adults, Youth and Mature Children.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18-19 "PSYCHOPATH" (83 Min.) Patrick Wymark, Margaret Johnston 7:00 p.m.

(Suspense/Drama) Four musicians who regularly get together for a musicale are murdered, one by one, with a doll made in their likeness left at the scene. It swiftly moves to an exciting climax, clue after clue. A chiller! (Adults and Very Mature Youth.) Short: "Haunting We Will Go" (7 Min.) "Winter Paradise" (16 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY OCTOBER 20-21 "FIREBALL 500" (91 Min.) Frankie Avalon, Fabian, Annette 7:00 p.m.

(Racing/Musical in Color) Frankie and Fabian compete in stock car races and get involved with Federal agents when the race promoter turns out to be a moonshiner. Fast cars, fist fights, songs and moonshine mix for exciting fun. (Adults, Mature Youth.) Short: "Blame It On Samba" (7 Min.) "The Ride" (8 Min.)

Malicious False Fire Alarms Gives Cause for Much Concern

Last week several articles appeared in the Rocketeer concerning National Fire Prevention Week. One of these articles stated that for Fire Chief Davis, fire prevention week comes 52 times a year and that the Fire Department continually conducts a program of fire prevention education. This, in addition to answering alarms, is enough to keep any fire department busy.

What was not discussed however, is the rapidly rising number of malicious false alarms.

During the past nine months, the frequency of malicious false alarms has shown a marked increase over the entire year of 1965. If this present rate continues, the ability of the Fire Department to provide adequate protection to the Station will be impaired.

According to Chief Davis, who has evaluated the cost of answering a malicious false alarm, the amount is nearly \$1,000. This of course does not take into account the cost if a building or a life were lost during an actual fire because the fire department was responding to a false alarm rather than to the authentic alarm. This has happened!



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Station Movie Times Change

Evening movies at the Station Theatre will start at 7 p.m., effective Monday, October 17, Special Services has announced.

This is the normal procedure for this time of year. There will be no change in the time for Saturday Matinees.



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New CO's Take Reins Of NAF, VX-5 Teams

Air Commands Are Assumed by Capt. Schall and Muncie

BY JOHN R. McCABE

Within the space of a week, two newly arrived commanding officers have taken up their duties at NOTS as the Station heads toward the new year and a new round of varied research and development activities.

At crisp ceremonies echoing in the cool morning air in Hangar Three, Capt. Rodney F. Schall became the new CO of the Naval Air Facility, replacing Capt. Robert R. Yount, who will report October 20 to NAS, North Island, near San Diego, to be commanding officer of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron Eleven (VAW-11).

Five days later, on last Wednesday, October 12, Cdr. Donald Loranger turned over command of Air Development Squadron Five to Capt. Wendell B. Muncie, Cdr. Loranger, a veteran China Laker who served a previous tour of duty here, at NAF; then left for San Diego, where he will report for duty on the staff of COMCARDIV ONE.

Capt. Rodney F. Schall Capt. Schall comes to China Lake from Washington, D.C., where since 1962 he has served as project manager of A-4 aircraft carrying the Bullpup and Shrike missiles, then as Director of the Project Coordination Division, coordinating all aircraft and airborne missile projects for the Naval Air Systems Command.

A native of the hardy wheat-farming center of Bismarck, North Dakota, Capt. Schall attended Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota. He was commissioned an Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator in September, 1942, and attended the General Line School at Monterey.

Capt. Schall is a veteran of "The Fighting Lady," the USS Yorktown, and served on her with Scouting Squadron Three, later designated Bombing Squadron Five. Later, during parts of 1944 and '45, he was an instructor at De Land, Florida, training both dive bomber and fighter pilots.

Since World War II, he has served with VA-25 aboard the USS Midway and with VA-196 aboard the USS Lexington, and was commanding officer of VA-86 on the USS Independ-



GREETINGS FROM NEW CO — Capt. Rodney F. Schall, new CO of NAF, addresses crew and guests at change-of-command ceremonies Friday, Oct. 7, in Hangar 3. Behind him are seated (l-r) Cdr. W. L. Reardon,

NAF Exec.; Capt. John I. Hardy, ComNOTS; Capt. Robert R. Yount, outgoing CO, and Cdr. P. P. Romantum, Senior Chaplain. Capt. Schall comes from service with Naval Air Systems Command.



WELCOME BACK TO VX-5 — Capt. W. B. Muncie, VX-5's new CO, speaks at change-of-command ceremonies Wednesday, Oct. 12, as Cdr. Donald Loranger (r) listens to comments. Honored guest was Adm. Marshall E. Dornan (seated), Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, at Nor-

folk, Va. In his address, Capt. Muncie proudly noted flyover salute from four A-4's of VA-212's "Rampant Raiders" from Lemoore, a unit he commanded aboard USS Hancock during first strikes against military targets in North Viet Nam. —Photo by PH-2 Gerald Burgess

ence. He completed helicopter training at Ellyson Field, Pensacola, in 1960, and then served as Air Officer aboard the USS Randolph until February, 1962.

Among Capt. Schall's Navy awards and honors are the Air Medal with one star, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation with

star, and many campaign medals.

Capt. Yount Departs Capt. Yount, an active member of his desert community since he came to China Lake to assume command of the Naval Air Facility in June, 1964, was one of the Navy's first jet pilots following his service as a dive bomber pilot



DR. HOWARD R. KELLY

Howard Kelly Receives Ph.D. At Penn State

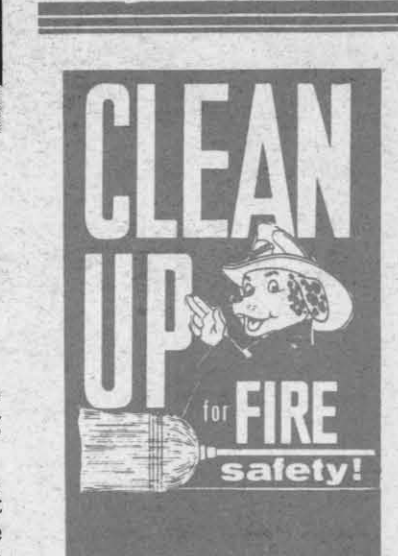
Dr. Howard R. Kelly, NOTS Code 40604, received his Ph.D. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University at the end of the 1966 summer term. His dissertation was entitled, "A Study of the Normal Force and Pitching Moment for an Oscillating, Supercavitating Hydrofoil."

Dr. Kelly's doctorate studies were conducted under a graduate program in the Hydrodynamics of Submerged Bodies which utilizes the facilities of the University's Ordnance Research Laboratories and its high speed water tunnel. Support was provided by a combination of ONR and BuWeps grants and by a NOTS Fellowship.

Dr. Kelly was born in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in June, 1938, with an AB degree in Physics, and received his Master's Degree in Physics from Michigan State University in June, 1940.

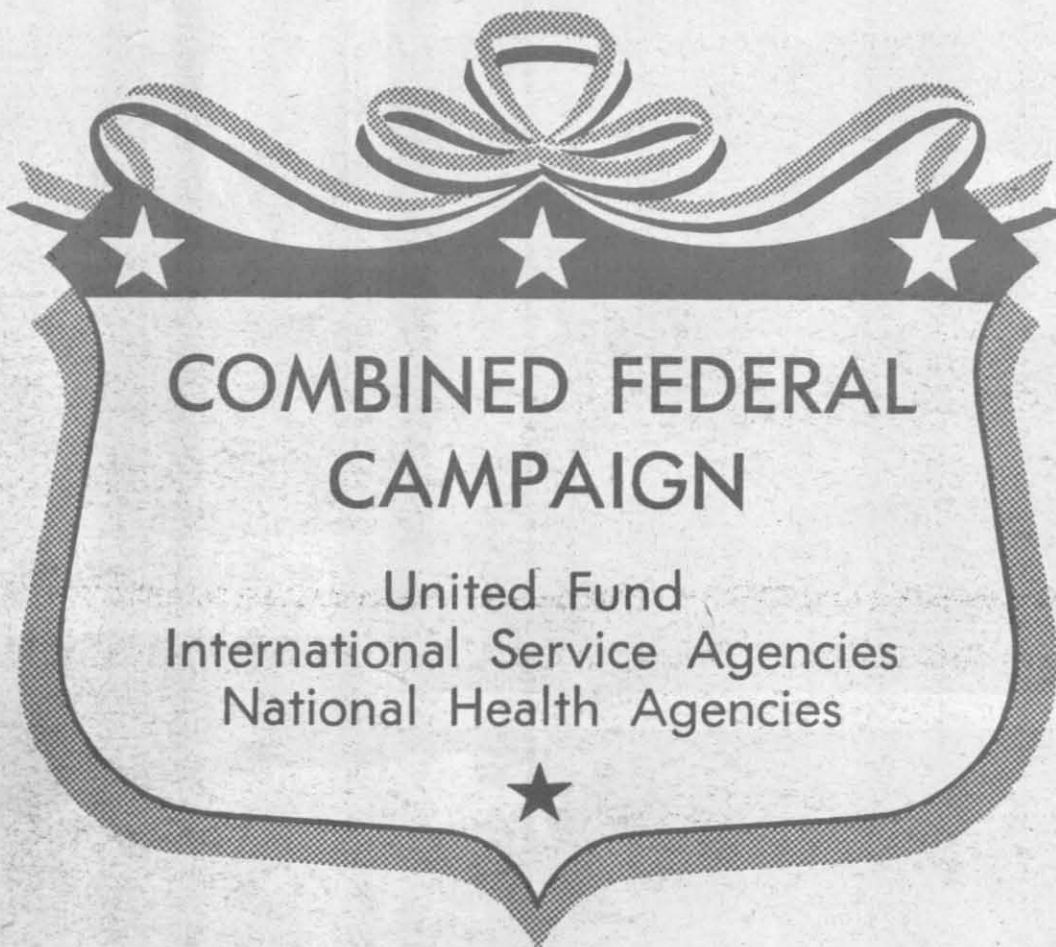
From 1940 to 1945, Dr. Kelly was employed at Stanford University, first as a teaching assistant, then as acting instructor in Physics. He came to NOTS in January, 1946. He is associated with the Aeronautics Division of the Weapons Development Department.

Dr. Kelly and his wife, Dorothy, reside at 327 Bogue Circle, China Lake. They have two sons, Richard and John, and two daughters, Kathleen and Lauren.



Support Combined Federal Campaign Drive

"ONCE FOR ALL" Drive Will Give Aid to World's Needy



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY
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Combined Effort Helps Cut Cost

BY DAVID L. KIMSEY

NOTS, in joining with 100 other Federal agencies, is midway in its second annual Combined Federal Campaign. Interest in the "Once For All" campaign during its first week here has been high. Queries directed to volunteer Keymen reflect the concern of NOTS people about the need for help at home and around the world.

Provides Much Support
In this single effort the Combined Federal Campaign will provide much needed support to the member agencies of the United Fund that serve the Indian Wells Valley, National Health Agencies and International Service Agencies. Each of these represents many causes that deserve whole-hearted support. Don't forget, these were formerly supported through separate campaigns.

What is the purpose of a single campaign? One of the biggest problems of any fund raising campaign is the necessary cost of making it effective. Naturally, the greatest benefactor of the "Once For All" concept is the recipient charity. Collection costs and volunteer time are greatly reduced through the combined effort. More services can reach more people through combined giving.

In July of last year, at the beginning of the initial Combined Federal Campaign, President Johnson addressed a letter to all Federal employees and members of the Armed

Forces. He said: "The combined drive saves time and expense and makes possible for you a single annual pledge that can be paid, if you desire, by payroll allotment during that year. What you set aside for support of these services is entirely a personal decision for you and your family. I am sure that as representatives of the United States Government, whether in a civilian or military capacity, you will want to set an example of responsible and compassionate citizenship in your community."

"Whatever our individual station or circumstances, we in America are very fortunate men and women. Our good fortune today is, in large measure, the legacy of America's traditions of generosity and concern for others. I am sure you will proudly and gladly honor that fine tradition in making your personal support of the Combined Federal Campaign."

United Fund Agency
A typical example of one of the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Agencies is the Indian Wells Valley Council for Retarded Children. This devoted group operates a year-round pre-school class for retarded children as its major undertaking. Its prime purpose is to promote the general welfare of retarded children and foster development of programs in their behalf.

Just a few of the other ex-



FOOD IS DONATED — Another facet of the drive provides food and medical supplies to those in need such as these unfortunate people.

GIVE



CHILDREN BENEFIT — Nothing touches the heart as much as a child in need. Here they get that help in the form of medical attention.



TESTING MACHINE — Pre-medical students test centrifugal force machine used in various heart disease research. Students are from the local area.



RETARDED CHILDREN HELPED — Part of the money collected by the Combined Federal Campaign goes to help retarded children such as the ones shown here.

penses of the Council shared by the community through its support of United Fund are fully and partially paid summer camperships for retarded children and grants to specialized teachers to aid and encourage the advanced training that will benefit the children they teach. Swimming instruction for older retarded children by trained Red Cross personnel is also supported by United Fund contributions.

National Health Agency
The National Foundation of the March of Dimes is a good example among the National Health Agencies. The relief and research carried out by this group is indeed inspiring. The dramatic control of polio is now history. Their new principal project is the prevention and cure of crippling birth defects. The same techniques are being used to fight this major problem as were employed in the victory over polio, research.

International Service Agency
Radio Free Europe is representative of the International Service Agencies. A privately

operated radio network, supported by public contributions, brings the voice of truth to 80 million captives behind the Iron Curtain. RFE broadcasts break the communist monopoly over news to keep alive aspirations toward independence and freedom.

Each of the agencies represented by our local CFC serves in its unique way to bring hope and relief to the less fortunate. When your Keyman contacts you, give freely so that someday others may also enjoy freedom and good health.

The Keymen this year are: Pat Brice, Earl Towson, Lt. Richard H. Cook, Alice Parker, Carl Hamel, Roger Bock, Joe Dinsmore, Helen W. Randolph, Ron Dettling and Dr. Jean Bennett.

Others are W. E. Kummings, Roger Crutchfield, Milton Speckels, Al Christman, Cy Edersberg, Chief Ton Tucker, Chief Lyle Morgan, Chief Joe Washington, Mrs. Thanaos Fox, Lt(jg) Jim LaFortune, Alice Whittenmyer and H. J. Zimmerman.

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New Navy Exchange Open For Business



LAST MINUTE WAITING — Men, women, boys and girls—even little babies—waited in line for the ribbon to be cut opening the brand new facility.

Toys at Outdoor Shop



NEW TOY SHOP — When the new Exchange opened, the old Outdoor Shop became a complete toy store to the delight of the youngsters. Lt. and Mrs. W. J. Benner and their children inspect some toys with Head Clerk Pat Delaney.

First Rate Store For The Military Is Now Available

Thursday, October 6, will undoubtedly be long remembered by the military and their dependents at NOTS as the day that made their shopping chores a lot more attractive and convenient.

It was on that day that the new Navy Exchange opened, with literally hundreds of people on hand to help celebrate the occasion. Four days later, on Monday, October 10, the

temporary Exchange, formerly the Outdoor Shop, was re-opened as a completely outfitted toy store.

Soup to Nuts
Although the phrase "From Soup to Nuts" is not quite factual, it is certainly an adequate description of the scope of merchandise to be found under the indirect lighting of the new 4,800 square foot complex.

There are radios, cameras, jewelry, clothing, dishes, pots and pans, toys and hundreds more. The list seems endless. Actually there are 17 departments in all which, when to-

taled up, represents over 6,500 different items available to the military man and his family.

Porter Harlan Is Manager
Although the new facility will feature the usual "serve yourself" method of shopping, there are six sales clerks, under the direction of manager Porter Harlan, available at all times should assistance be required.

The hours for the new Exchange are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be closed on Sunday.



OPENING CEREMONY — Captain John I. Hardy, ComNOTS, officiates at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new NOTS Navy Exchange. Present for the memorable occasion are, left to right, Capt. Robert Williamson, II, Executive Officer; Lt. John

Rathbone, Public Works Contract Officer; Porter Harlan, Jr., Navy Exchange Manager; LCDr. Earl F. Mouton, Officer in Charge Navy Exchange, and Capt. H. J. Hartman, Public Works Officer. The new Exchange opened for business on Thursday, October 6.



MANY DEPARTMENTS — 17 departments are all housed under the same roof to make shopping as pleasant as possible. If you don't see it, ask for it.



BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS — The thousands upon thousands of items to be found in this new, spacious building will make

shopping a lot more convenient for the members of the Military and their families. There are over 6,500 items in all.



MERCHANDISE GALORE — Lt. Samuel R. McMullen, Security Officer, and his wife Mary inspect a few of the thousands of items in stock at the new Exchange.

Local Men Climb Peaks in Peru

Ten Mountains Scaled by Six Local Rescuers

BY DAVID L. KIMSEY

During June and July of this year, six men from China Lake spent 18 days in the ice and snow covered mountains of the Cordillera Central area of Peru.

Mountain Rescue Group
Dr. Carl Heller, Dr. Ernst Bauer, Charles Ringrose, Robert Westbrook, Dennis Lamb and Richard Johnson, all members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, climbed 10 peaks during that time, six of which were un-climbed and un-explored. They ranged in altitude from 15,700 to 19,000 feet. Although the area is only 12 degrees south of the Equator, the high mountains are covered with ice and snow throughout the year.

The members of the Andean Expedition left California on June 8 and flew by way of Mexico and Ecuador to Peru. From Lima, the capital of Peru, they traveled east across the mountains by train to La Oroya.

With the help of Americans employed by the Cerro de Pasco Mining Company in La Oroya, the climbers found a native guide who arranged for transportation by truck south and west to the towns of Alis and Miraflores. The guide also helped rent pack animals for the walking trip to the base camps.

Burros and Llamas Used
Both burros and llamas were used for packing in the equipment and food. No particular problems were encountered with the burros, but the party was surprised to find that the llamas will obey only commands that are whistled or played on a flute.

Although the names of the peaks that were slated to be climbed appeared on the meager maps available in Lima, the climbers were further surprised to discover, after checking with the local people, that entirely different names were used.

A break in the strenuous schedule of daily climbing came to the group when they were invited to a fiesta to celebrate the marking of the young llamas by notching their ears.

A Few Fish

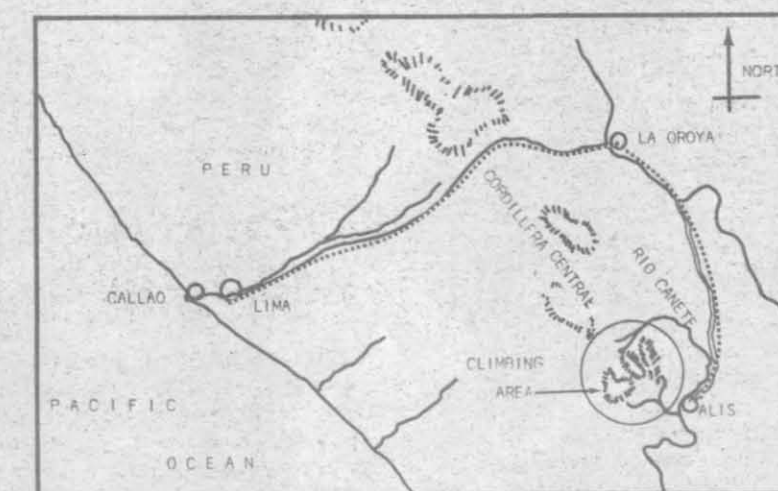
Aside from a few fish that



ONE OF TEN — One of the ten mountains climbed was the Nevado Ancovilca. This is one of the six peaks that had never been climbed. It was first conquered by the China Lake Group on June 18 when they reached the 17,580 foot summit.

were speared by the natives in streams at the base camp, the mainstay of their daily diet was Oatmeal. This resulted through a mis-calculation by the quartermaster and it produced quite a culinary challenge to the cooks who varied the basic porridge with additions of raisins and cheese. They also fried and candied it. Vivid memories of these meals have led the members of the Expedition to refer to it as the Oatmeal Outing.

Slides of the trip will be shown by four of the group at 7:30 p.m., October 18, in the Richmond School Cafeteria. A donation of \$1.00 is requested for use in purchasing rescue equipment.



MAP OF AREA EXPLORED BY EXPEDITION



ROCKS—Some of the climbing had to be done over rough rocks such as these.

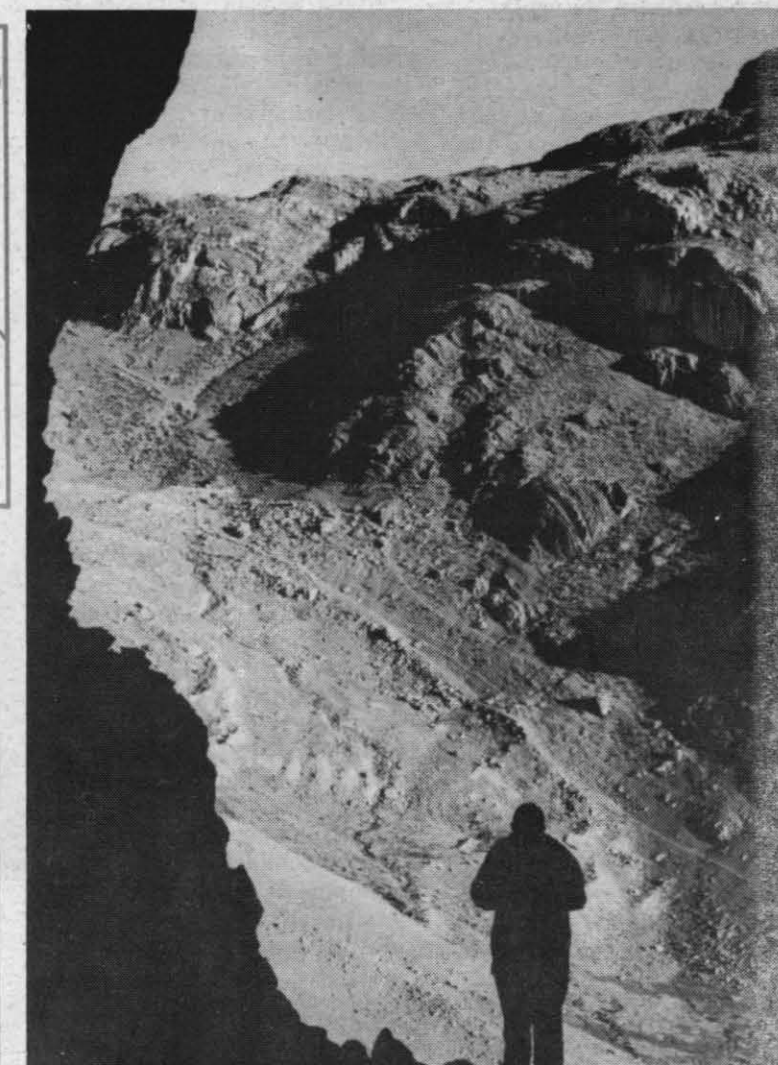


SNOW—Sometimes the group found themselves in freezing ice and snow near summit.



WHICH WAY NOW? — Sometimes the going was easy and sometimes it was the extreme opposite. Here Richard Johnson is looking

across a summit glacier in hopes of finding a suitable route. This particular glacier was at 17,275 feet in altitude.



A BONANZA ONCE—An Inca gold mine was re-discovered by the Expedition. This shallow mine was located high on one of the mountains climbed. No gold however.



DR. CARL A. HELLER

