

Alpine Club and Editor's Notes

Honours We congratulate Sir Jack Longland on his Knighthood, and Eric Shipton, C.B.E., on the award to him by the Ski Club of Great Britain of the Pery Medal.

Honorary membership The Committee has elected the following distinguished foreign mountaineers to honorary membership: Saburo Matsukata, Yuko Maki, Tenzing Norkay, Dawa Tenzing, Erwin Schneider, Vitali Abalakov.

U.I.A.A. We congratulate Frank Solari on his appointment as President of the Commission du Matériel de Sécurité of the above. He succeeds Pierre Henry who has held this office since 1958.

Meetings of the Alpine Club 1970-71

1970 (*continued*)

- 7/8 March A.C./A.C.G. Northern Dinner and Meet, Derbyshire.
Film show by Yvon Chouinard
- 17 March 'Greenland 1969'—Dennis Kemp (*A.Ĵ.* 75 240)
- 7 April 'Thui II'—Colin Taylor (*A.Ĵ.* 75 179). Discussion on A.C. Library
- 5 May 'Kishtwar Himal'—Charles Clarke (*A.Ĵ.* 75 186)
- 2 June 'First ascent of Ali Ratni Tibba'—Fred Harper (*A.Ĵ.* 75 9)
- 29 September 'N.W. Karakoram 1970'—Trevor Braham (see above, p 163)
- 6 October 'First ascent of the South Face of Annapurna'—Chris Bonington, Dougal Haston and Mick Burke (see above, p 19)
- 20 October 'Mountains of East Africa'—Ian Howell
- 3 November Members' evening: slides shown by Walter Kirstein, Fred Jenkins, Nick Longland, Charles Warren and Paul Roberts
- 17 November 'Kishtwar Himal, 1970'—Mrs Niki Clough (see above, p 223)
- 7 December A.G.M.
Valedictory address by Sir Charles Evans (see above, p 7)

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- 19 January 'Mountains of Antarctica'—Ian McMorris
- 2 February 'Caucasus, 1970'—Paul Nunn (see above, p 111)
- 16 February 'Scots on the Roof of the World'—Ian Rowe (see above, p 210)

Office-Bearers and Committee 1971

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Alpine Climbing Group 1970 The group managed to make a number of important climbs during the year despite the weather in the Alps. We lost our President Tom Patey, Ian Clough and Gunn Clarke during the year, all in climbing accidents. Hamish MacInnes has been acting as interim president since the death of Tom Patey.

We had a very well attended ACG/AC meeting in Derbyshire during March. Yvon Chouinard and Doug Tomkins brought their film of FitzRoy.

In future the committee will take into consideration the popularity of routes when considering applications for membership to the group. They will also encourage younger aspirant membership by taking into consideration the age of would-be members.

The qualifications for joining the A.C.G. are as follows. You must have done at least six 'Grandes Courses'. A 'Grande Course' is defined as an Alpine-style climb of at least TD if mixed, or ED if purely a rock climb. Examples of the minimum that are considered good enough would be the North face of the Drus and the traverse of the Aiguilles du Diable. Rock climbs of less than 500 m do not count, and your experience should include both rock and ice

climbing. In fact, although these are, strictly speaking, the rules, the Committee does interpret them loosely in cases where a climber has done slightly easier but more out-of-the-way routes or has been on expeditions. **M. Burke**

Obituary We regret to record the death of Professor G. I. Finch, M.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., President of the Alpine Club from 1959 to 1961. The obituary notice will appear in the next *Journal*.

We also regret to record the deaths of our members Phillip Andrews (1949), F. R. G. Chew (1942), Bryan Hilton-Jones (1962), W. G. McClymont (1935), T. A. H. Medlycott (1931) and Eryl Pardoe (1970). See also page 323.¹

New members welcome The Alpine Club welcomes as members men over 21 who have Alpine experience and can show evidence of continuing interest in mountains and mountaineering. The technical qualifications for entry are, by modern standards, not very high. A rough-and-ready guide is that three seasons in the Alps and about twenty good Alpine peaks are required, but the Committee makes due allowance for exceptional routes and for experience elsewhere. Contributions to mountain art, literature and science may also count. The candidate must be proposed and seconded by two members.

Membership of the Alpine Club applies automatically to all members of the Alpine Climbing Group, for which the technical requirements for membership are much higher (see above).

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The entrance fee is £4·20p for a full member over 27; nil for other categories. The subscription for the A.C.G. is £1·50p.

Apart from the other facilities which the Club provides (e.g. free insurance against Alpine accidents, comprehensive library, lectures), full members receive *Alpine Climbing* and the *Alpine Journal* yearly without charge. A.C.G. members receive *Alpine Climbing* free each year, but do not receive the *Alpine Journal* unless they pay for it separately.

¹ Where no obituary notice is included, the notice will, wherever possible, appear in the next *Journal*.

Application forms for the Alpine Club may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, 74 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5FF and for the A.C.G. from Mick Burke, 7 Surrendale Place, Maida Vale, London W8.

Need to increase sales The *Alpine Journal* remains heavily dependent on increasing its circulation to reduce unit costs. The policy of expansion of membership should help in this direction, but outside sales are also important and any help which members or others can give in stimulating these (e.g. by securing additional orders from friends or libraries) would be welcome. Orders should be addressed to West Col Productions, 1 Meadow Close, Goring, Reading, Berkshire RG8 OAP; alternatively, the *Journal* may be obtained through a wide range of the usual retail outlets in the late summer or early autumn annually.

Editor's Notes and Acknowledgements The preparation of this volume, the first for the present Editor, was seriously dislocated by the Postal Strike, which overlapped the final delivery dates for MS. One reviewer of last year's *Journal*, after lamenting the departure of Alan Blackshaw from the Editorship, added wistfully—'one hopes that his successors will do half as well'. If this is indeed the level of our achievement, for this year at least there is a substantial editorial alibi.

I wish to thank the retiring Editor, the Assistant Editor, the Business Editor and the home and overseas correspondents for their continued help and support. I am grateful to Colin Taylor, Christopher Russell and Michael Baker for their personal contributions to this number. Paul Sharp, Robin Collomb and Messrs Pettitt and Rowe of the printers have continued their considerable efforts towards the production of yet another *Alpine Journal*.

Various friends have helped with translations—E. Noel Bowman of the Club, Audrey Salkeld, Howard Pursey and Mrs I. V. White. Mrs L. Day typed from many an illegible manuscript. My wife and daughter helped in a variety of ways.

Photographers are acknowledged in the picture captions, but I thank them all for their efforts on my behalf.

Edward Pyatt