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THE SLIDING BELAY. - Paul Bradt.

In the last Up Rope there were some comments accompanying a report on the impact strength of ropes. These comments were prompted by an apprehension lest readers might be led by the report to doubt the value of a sliding belay. To emphasize this point a brief description was added relating damage done to ropes and hinting damage done to climbers when a sliding belay was not used.

All of these extra words, it seems, confused the issue. I wish to state flatly that the sliding belay is tops and everyone agrees that it should be systematically and repeatedly practiced. If you have any doubts on this matter or are interested in seeing the article that will probably be referred to as the last word on this subject, order your copy of the forthcoming Sierra Club Bulletin (1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco (4), Calif. Price 75c.) Arnold Wexler and Dick Leonard tell you what is what and give you figures on why.

MEETING.

On May 23, 8 P.M., there will be a meeting at the Dawson's, 3610 Horner Pl., S. E., Wash., D. C. To get there take any of the following buses: Bellvue, Ft. Drum, Livingston or Congress Hgts., or Naval Res. Lab. Cross Anacostia bridge and beyond St. Elizabeth's Hospital about a mile. Horner Pl. is the 3rd bus stop beyond the Congress Hgts. Fire Station (just in case the bus driver doesn't know.) Dawson's live in the second house on the left as you enter Horner Pl. from Nichols Ave. Hope will set a candle lantern on the porch railing. If you aren't familiar with the Cupid's Bower illumination, sniff for the scent of a cave candle.

Anyone wanting to order U. S. Geological Survey maps at the reduced price of 6/10 normal, bring his money and list along. Eleanor Tatge will have the newest index maps on hand.

Up Rope is likely to ask for a consideration of finances so, guardians of ye olde low cost of living, show up.