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The Mountaineering Section of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club welcomes all individuals who wish to participate in its weekly outings and to share in the freedom of the hills. Sunday day trips leave from Howard Johnson's at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W. at 8:30 am. Come early and have breakfast. If you are late, check behind the southeast drainpipe for any change in scheduled activities. Climbing lasts all day. Groups stop for supper on the way home. Bring lunch and water. Wear clothing suitable for climbing. For further information, contact the trip leader.

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July 3, 1968

Dear Joe:

This will confirm information you may already have received from Art Wilder. I feel the club's attitude toward my handling of the UP ROPE editor's position has become somewhat more than I can stomach. Since I consider myself to be in the right, I would hardly change my mind on any of the stands I have taken regarding deadline, etc. Since it has become apparent to me that various of the club's members cannot understand the reasons for my assuming such stands, I cannot see how a proper working relationship can be carried out in the future, with the officials and the membership of the club.

Since my existence is not founded on the editorship of UP ROPE, I see no reason to continue wasting my time trying to turn out a decent publication for people who don't want it. Therefore, I am resigning as editor, Resignation retroactive to June 29.

I originally came out with the club in order to mingle with the only rock climbers I was aware of in the area. I learned quite a bit from the various members of the club, and having served in various capacities in the club, and having assisted various other people in learning to climb, I feel I have amply repaid any debt I owe the club as an entirety. Except for personal relationships with individual members, I see no reason why I need continue my association with the club as an entity, especially since having been a member I know that nothing useful is made of the dues I contribute to the club treasury. Those things which I believe in regarding the 'Great Outdoors' can be realized more effectively thru the PATC.

Sgd. --

David F. Templeton, Jr.

Chairman's Comments -

I accept Dave's resignation both as Editor of UP ROPE and as a member of the Mountaineering Section. It is regrettable that his departure could not have been on friendlier terms.

Nobody can deny his right to resign; however, I cannot condone his childish antics of ripping up the stencils for this month's issue and his retroactive resignation.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a report by Training Committee Chairman Bob Robinson and is published so that it may be discussed at the next business meeting, July 10th:

The first meeting was held on Monday, 17th June.

The Chairman elected to ask eight members to join and six were able to attend.

The committee concluded it would:

1. attempt to establish an instructional plan under which members in need of instruction would be introduced to all aspects of climbing including lead climbing so as to encourage a sense of responsibility and initiative,

2. coopt further members as needed to constitute a corps of about 12 training stewards who would share training responsibilities,

(3. arrange that during a portion of one trip a month, two appointed stewards (or more as coopted for the occasion by the appointed stewards) and in cooperation with the trip leader, would organise training, details to be published in UP ROPE,

4. arrange for the training to form part of trips to a variety of climbing areas including full weekend trips to these areas where lead climbing is normal,

5. re-establish the Oscar subcommittee to arrange for setting up the Oscar rig in another site free of the problems of tourists and spectators, the Oscar schedule to be arranged when the rig is complete but not necessarily to coincide with other training.

6. to adopt the list agreed by the objectives committee,

The training committee makes the following general comments:

the corps of stewards is to be large enough to ensure that any steward will not be personally responsible more than about once in about 6 months,

the stewards are not necessarily expected to instruct in person but are responsible for seeing that instruction is provided,

the stewards' programme will be arranged in consultation with the chairman of the training committee, and

the stewards will be jointly responsible for deciding if members meet the check out list requirements and making a recommendation to the Club chairman.

CONSERVATION

Anson Courter

Any one who has approached a public official wishing to change a natural area by building roads or other structures, discharging semi-treated wastes into streams, or removing minerals from the soil by whatever method is cheapest, assuming the value of the surface is not taken into account, and put up an argument for conservation, has been told "You are not really a conservationist; you are a preservationist; conservation is wise use, wise use is conservation". In a quite limited way, the official is right, as long as he does not define "wise" as "immediately most profitable to me or my friends". Too frequently that is his definition.

Carrying an unabridged dictionary in a pack is awkward, but you might learn the usual definition of conservation - "preservation from loss, injury, decay or waste" (Random House). Minerals are a resource which must perish if used; conservation in this narrow context then must mean wise use, production and distribution without waste and without encouraging "cream skimming", the taking of those areas most cheaply mined, with the most costly problems left for future decades. Most of us in outdoor clubs, however, think of conservation as protection of natural capital that can be replaced as used, as in the best forestry practices, or prevention of water pollution, or that can be enjoyed without consumption, as in carefully protected parks, monuments and wilderness areas.

Such features can be protected without being in government ownership, but private protection is less certain. The similar risk in public ownership is that subsequent governments may misconceive or indifferently seal out the public interest. Any new administration might make a hotel complex out of the Smokies; vigilance of those who enjoy the Park must be never ending. A combination of public and private ownership is possible - the easement. Such an agreement may be scenic, or for transit only; frequently it is both. Increasingly the Federal Government has sought authorization from Congress to purchase land, retain an easement, and resell the land, with the original owner given the right of first refusal. The assumption is that the market will in this way determine the value lost to the owner by reservation of the easement, without resort to somewhat fanciful valuation by a condemnation jury, or to pressure on one citizen by government agents too anxious to make a record, or to encouragement of land speculators who rush in when a proposed public purchase is first mentioned.

Such a technique is applicable to trail building, to simple access roads, to mountains suitable for climbing, and broadly to land bordering national parks or wilderness areas where the public needs to control the environment, but not to operate services or completely prescribe use. It is not applicable to lands suitable for parks or wildernesses. A private person may preserve a wilderness during his lifetime but his ardor may expire with him. The U.S. government needs to be ready to take his place. Parks are justified by the need to preserve unique natural features. No national or state natural park set up to preserve features of unusual beauty or near uniqueness should be perverted to fun and games that will require alteration of those features and that can be well satisfied by private effort. A wilderness should be the place where nature takes over from man; all structures within it, trails or simple service structures should be designed to display the wilderness and protect it at the same time. Senator Hansen (Wyoming) stated the principle succinctly at a hearing "The National Parks Act was never designed to permit people to set foot on every acre of a Park". Use your five senses, not just your ability to move from here to there.

The fifty states of the Union extend over more than two million acres; public and state parks and wildernesses and private preserves existing and sought make up a small part of that acreage. Never be afraid to work to conserve the finest natural capital by preserving it.

EXPEDITION NOTES: PERU

(Information extracted from 16 Feb. 1968 issue of the Peruvian Times by Harold A. Kramer)

A foreign expedition can write to the Ministry of Public Education, Lima, Peru, requesting up-to-date information on any of Peru's 20 mountain ranges. An answer is usually given by return airmail, after checking field geographic information.

Summary of procedure for foreign expeditions

1. The expedition should officially inform the Peruvian Ministry of Public Education and their Embassy in Lima of their plans.
2. Make a duplicate list in spanish and in their own language of the equipment to be shipped.
3. Send this list, with the bill of lading, consular invoice and power of attorney to their customs agent.
4. Deposit a guarantee in the Banco Industrial to despatch the equipment. This amount will be refunded when the equipment is reshipped at the end of the expedition.
5. Instruct the same Customs Agent to reship the equipment with the necessary decrease in weight due to good and medicines consumed.
6. Leave a summary of the expeditions findings with the Physical Education Office of the Ministry of Education.
7. Send a full report of the expedition with maps and photographic data after returning to their country.

When official expeditions reach Lima, they are met by officials who provide them with credentials - particularly useful in out-of-the-way Andean Villages. Carlos Rojas is the Director of Physical Education, Sports and Recreation. Jose Jordan is Head of the Recreation Department.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATIONERS -

Bob Robinson is spending a month in Wyoming, visiting the Black Hills enroute. The trip will include a day or two at Devil's Tower, 10-12 days in the Wind River Range and a few days in the Tetons. The trip will be from August 2nd to Sept. 1st, inclusive. He will be interested in hearing from any one else who may be in the area.

LOST AND FOUND -

Lost - a climbing rope at or near Carderock by James Nagy. Call 301-262-0515

Found - a climbing rope by Chucj Young. Call 273-3030 in Fairfax, Va. with identifying information.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Broadmoor
Colorado Springs,
Colorado.
June 18, 1968.

Dear Gang: My son Mike and I have just experienced the marvelous hospitality of a wonderful climbing group - the Pike's Peak group of the Colorado Mountain Club. On the advice of Arnold Wexler, I wrote out here ahead of a five day business trip I had to make, to see if we could get on a climb while we were here. I promptly received a letter from Bill Coates, Chairman of the Pike's Peak group, advising us that we would be most welcome. He expressed his regrets that we would just miss a two day climb of Mt. Dierstadt and that they had no scheduled trips during the Monday to Thursday period that we would be here - but that they would arrange to set up a climb one day - and a hike the next day for us. On my arrival here, he called me at the hotel and arranged for us to see a U.S. Army Mountain Rescue Group demonstration, which was marvelous to see. We then climbed the same faces for 3 hours afterward in North Cheyenne Canyon until we were exhausted by the effort - the heat - and the unusual altitude (6500 ft.) for us, and the lack of water - we forgot to take any.

The next day two CMC members picked us up at our hotel and took us on a beautifully scenic hike on the mountain top at the 9500 to 10,500 foot level, and then returned us to our hotel. The hospitality of this group is really outstanding and they are a credit to the climbing fraternity.

We sure learned a lot during the well organized and really professional demonstrations put on by the Army Mountain Rescue Group. A total of 20 men took part. It was really an instruction, more than a demonstration to show off. They taught us how to ascend and descend scree slopes, render first aid rig up a Stokes litter, etc. One interesting thing we learned is that the Army uses a piton only once - because they are a special malleable iron type that shapes itself to the crack and fits snuggler and more securely than the hard type that cracks the rock as it is driven in. They tell us that they never have a piton pull out on them. They are really a professional group. They have discipline, skill, organization, and equipment galore - helicopters - huge searchlights to light up cliffs and every type of equipment you can imagine. Last year out here they had 20 difficult rescues to make - 14 of which were fatality cases. They are usually called in as a last resort on the most difficult cases.

Thought you might like to know of this fine climbing group out here.

Regards,
Sgd. - Tony Madden
PATC member.

Ed. Note: Literature Tony supplied with his letter has been posted on the PATC Bulletin Board.

6/10/68.

I would be interested in hearing from persons interested in doing technical rock climbing here near Oak Ridge or elsewhere in this general geographical vicinity. I lead F.9-F.10.

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COMING EVENTS

- July 14 Cupid's Bower
 Trip Leader: Joe Nolte 836-6650
- July 17 Business Meeting
 Club House 8 p.m.
- July 20, 21 Hermitage
 Trip Leader: Joe Nolte 836-6650
 Directions - From Washington it is 82 miles. Go
 via Frederick and U.S. 15 to Thurmont and Emmits-
 burg. Turn left on Md.97; go through Emmitsburg,
 continue on Md.97 to state line where it becomes
 Penna. 16. At west end of Reuzerville turn right
 (north) (zero point) at septic tank works on hard
 surface road which is Antietam Road but not marked.
 Go 5.2 miles to Old Forge. At 5.5 miles turn left
 onto the Swift Run Road (note signs) and ascend
 to Monument Rock turnout at 6.4 miles on a sharp
 left turn in the road. Park here. Go right on
 the blue-blazed trail at the turn in road,
 0.2 mile through woods and down a slope to the
 cabin.
- July 28 Sugar Loaf
 Trip Leader: Don Stemper 667-8644

Editor's Note -

I extend my apologies to the subscribers of UP ROPE for the lateness of this issue, but, due to the actions of our past editor.... Future issues will be on time. I would like to thank Art Wilder, Don Stemper, Chuck Spreull and Terri for without their help this issue would not have been possible. Again, thank you.

Joe Nolte.