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COMING HOME

MS members are returning home from their summer mountain trips safe and smiling. Earlier this year we noted that, based on what people were planning to do, it promised to be an exciting summer. And now, late in August, we learn--it seems almost daily --of someone else safely back and happy with what he's done.

Ian Cruickshank climbed Mont Blanc (Arête Grise), la Dent de Tsalion, les Aiguilles Dorées, and the Bietschorn Traverse.

Everyone on the Wind River trip climbed Pingora. Various teams chalked up the Wolf's Head Traverse, Tiger Tower, Bollinger's Peak, Warrior Traverse, and the North Face of Mitchell.

Sallie Greenwood helped make the first all-woman ascent of Irene's Arête during the AWHE Tetons climbing meet. In June, she traversed Mt. McKinley.

Don McIntyre climbed the 20,400 South Peak of Yeropaja.

Bill DeLano went to Chamonix and did the Arête Cosmique and the Chère Couloir-Mont Blanc du Tacul.

Herando Vera climbed Nevado Pisco, Yanapaccha, and Vallanaraju in the Cordillera Blanca.

Lin Murphy reached the summit of Mt. McKinley.

STORM MARS PIK COMMUNISM BID

A six-day storm at 22,000 feet prevented an eight-person American team from reaching the 24,590 foot summit of Pik Communism in the Russian Pamirs. Expedition leader Dana Isherwood, who also led last year's Sierra Club Pamir climb, explained that the evacuation of an injured team member and time limitations imposed by the Russian government combined to prevent the possibility of a post-storm summit effort. A three-man German/Swiss team disappeared during the 100 mph winds.