CHAIRMAN's CORNER
by Bud Bingham

There seems to be a strange attitude amongst just a few SPS members. Our trips are organized as group activities and are for the benefit of newcomers, to promote good comradeship on any club climb, and to help hikers enjoy our mountains more.

On more recent weekend trips, we seem to have "outlaws" with us. This complicates leaders who must judge the capabilities of a group. The leader's interest lies in seeing just how many people he can get into camp and on to the summit the next day. Outlaws are giving leaders little respect for an often difficult job.

There have been times when nearly 50% of the turnout went out to climb the assigned peak the first day & on to other peaks the next. It would be far better for these enthusiastic people to climb with the group or find some other weekend to highball it over the summits. The SPS is anxious to conduct better trips in the future for more people, but all these complications are detrimental to our purpose.

Here is an exception; often camp is reached early in the day and the eager should not be denied extra activity. Why not climb then or do some extra exploring? HELP OUT THE NEWCOMERS, DON'T SEE HOW FAR YOU CAN LEAVE THEM BEHIND. We have many weekends to do the more strenuous climbs when trips are not scheduled.

"Mountain climbers rope themselves together because there is safety in numbers -- also it keeps the sensible ones from going home." — BS

S.P.S. BANQUET, WED. DEC. 4
by Frank Sanborn

Let's have a 100% turnout for the Sierra Peaks Section Banquet on Wednesday, December 4th, at the Smokehouse Restaurant, 4420 Lakeside Dr., Burbank, at 7:30 p.m. Send or give $3.50 per person to Frank Sanborn, 1601 Trenton Ave., Glendale 6, California no later than Nov. 15th. It will be a fine prime-rib dinner & an enjoyable evening of fun & socializing with your friends. There will be a few brief talks by members of the section, and some outstanding color slides will be shown. Frank can be reached (days only) at Richond 8-3111, Ext 617.

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SEVEN NEW EMBLEM HOLDERS THIS SUMMER by JWR

7 Sierra Peakers completed the emblem requirements this season, raising the number of emblem holders to 15. At the time the last Echo rolled off the press there were Andy Smatko, Robert Wade, Tom Ross, and Peter Hunt. Since then we have the following additions to report:

Chuck Miller climbed his final duo while vacationing in the Evolution area. He & Bob Sheller ascended Goddard and Darwin.

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EMBLEM HOLDERS (Continued)

Bill Sanders went on a three day bunny hop to Goddard and Darwin over Labor Day to complete his requirements.
Vern Jones completed his list on Olancha Sept. 22nd. He was quite busy this summer, as he began the season with two.
The grapevine has it that Miles Brubacher may have sneaked through also. Mt. Lyle was his 9th and he was reported on Darwin Sept. 22nd. No confirmation yet on this.
Frank Sanborn, with 8 peaks last year, decided to earn his emblem in matrimony instead.

NEW EMBLEM OR PATCH? JWR

The proposal for an SPS emblem for 14000'ers was greeted with indifference and disfavor at the last meeting. Many members felt that a new hero badge would serve no purpose other than to swell a few egos. So, out the window with that.
Don Clarke suggested the desirability of an identification patch for all members, whether heroes or not. This patch would be sewed on the sleeve, pack, etc., and be similar to the one worn by the Ski Mountaineers.
Everybody liked the idea until the financial strings were dangled. Evidently these patches would have to be ordered in bulk rather than individually. If enough members were willing to buy one or more it should prove successful.

Quote of the Month:
"I like my climbing class 3 and my men class 6" —
Peggy Sullivan
And then there's...
never mind.
EMBLEM PEAKS: REVISION OR STATUS QUO?

There has been much discussion recently over proposed changes in the emblem peak list. This takes on added significance because the whole "philosophy" of what the emblem list should stand for has been made an issue. Should it consist merely of non-technical representative peaks from each major Sierra area or should it be expanded to include a broader representation of climbing technics and stress dominance of an area?

This issue can only be decided by the membership. Below are the 3 questions pertaining to this subject and the related one of scheduling class 3 climbs (See August Sierra Echo). These questions will go out on a ballot next month for you, the members, to settle. Due to the relative importance of this it is recommended that SPSers study the following questions and respective comments carefully. — JWR

1) Which of the following propositions would you favor regarding possible changes in the emblem peak list? Vote for one.
   a) Add Mt. Humphreys and North Palisade and delete Mt. Sill.
   b) Add Mt. Humphreys and North Palisade and retain Mt. Sill.
   c) Add Mt. Humphreys only.
   d) Make no change.

2) Should peaks involving high class 3 or higher be included in the emblem peaks list?

3) Do you feel that climbs involving some 3rd class should be scheduled by the SPS?

Following are three articles pertaining to this subject.

IN FAVOR OF CHANGE by John Robinson

Several members have for a long time felt that the emblem list is in need of improvement. Opinions as to how such could best be accomplished differ, but most of this group agree on two additions that would benefit the list: Mt. Humphreys and North Palisade. There are several reasons we favor this change. They follow.

1) These two peaks would add to the stature of the list. The emblem peaks were originally chosen using two criteria: (1) That every major part of the Sierra be represented, and (2) each peak be dominant in its area. The addition of North Pal & Humphreys would expand on the second criteria and add a third: That all types of climbing be represented. We will expound on this last point later on, so back to the second. The present emblem list includes every major dominating peak except Humphreys & North Pal, which are conspicuous by their absence. By adding these two peaks our list would be difficult to surpass.

2) They would make the emblem list more representative of the Sierra. In the Sierra you will find major peaks with every degree of difficulty from class 1 to 4. Our emblem list has no peak entirely in the higher category. Therefore, we feel it is not truly representative.

3) They would encourage Sierra Peakers to learn and practice semi-technical climbing. No one is urging Sierra Peakers to all go out and practice highly technical climbing. We have a rock climbing section for that. However, a Sierra climber should be familiar with the fundamentals of such in order to more fully enjoy the Sierra and in case of emergency. North Pal and Humphreys both include some short pitches of easy class 4. Placing these peaks on the emblem list would encourage many Sierra Peakers to learn these fundamentals. However, and this is important, no one would be required to do this semi-technical climbing to get his emblem. Our recommendation is simply adding to the emblem list, not adding to the emblem requirements.  (Continued)
4) Mt. Humphreys and North Palisade are both outstanding peaks in their own right. Both clearly and definitely dominate their areas. Both are well known and have long been favorites of American Mountaineers. The Climbers' Guide devotes almost as much space to them as they do Mt. Whitney.

Briefly those are the reasons we feel Humphreys and North Pal belong on the list. Even more briefly, these are our answers to the main objections to their addition.

The main objection seems to be that both peaks involve technical climbing. We consider this an asset, not a defect. If the Sierra Peaks Section is to be worthy of its name it should encourage, though not require, all types of climbing represented in the Sierra. Otherwise we'd better call ourselves the Skree Scramblers.

Another objection is the belief that we couldn't schedule them. Two statements should provide our reply to this. (1) Assuming they can't be scheduled, so what? Non-scheduled trips are as popular as the scheduled with most Sierra Peakers, and there is not a single emblem holder who did not earn his emblem partly on "outlaw" trips. (2) If the Sierra Club itself is any criteria, they can be scheduled. The club has been climbing both these peaks on their summer base camp and high trips for 50 years. One has only to look in the summit registers to see how many stark beginners were led up these peaks on such trips.

The last objection is that North Pal is too close to Mt. Sill.

This is unfortunate, but I believe the main objection to having emblem peaks too close together was this: Two of them should not be so close they could be climbed in the same day. Sill & North Pal are close alright, but the U-notch should dispose of anyone but the hardest rock climber attempting both the same trip. Our position may be best summed up in saying that we're not "again" Sill, we're for North Pal. To us North Pal with Sill is acceptable though unfortunate, but Sill without North Pal is, shall we say, "abominable".

AGAINST CHANGE BUT FAVORING COMPROMISE by Frank Sanborn

Recently there have been some differences of opinion as to just what specific means the SPS should employ in its general objective of getting a larger percentage of the Sierra Club interested and active in the Sierra Nevada. It is the desire of several members to add several peaks to the emblem peak list which can be attained only by rock-climbing methods, specifically, Mt. Humphreys and North Palisade. It has been suggested that Mt. Sill be deleted. Others of us feel that no peaks should be added which are for rock climbers only, since our section is slanted toward those who prefer to hike or, at the most, scramble up low third class routes. Also, it seems to many of us that Mt. Sill should remain on the list, as the peak of the Palisades group attainable by most section members, and because it is dominant in that area. Perhaps Humphreys could be added, since the entire area between the Evolution Group and Yosemite is represented only by Abbot.

Soon, this question will be put to a vote of the entire membership. I submit that a compromise could be reached by adding Mt. Humphreys to the list, but not North Palisade. It is too close to Mt. Sill, which deserves retention among the emblem peaks. Let's hear from all of you on this. Send your letters and comments to the editor.
ON THE SCHEDULING OF CLASS 3  by Don Clarke

Editor's note: While this letter does not relate directly to the emblem peak issue, its comments are timely and pertinent enough to be included here.

You asked an interesting question in your last issue of the Sierra Echo. "Should the section schedule third class climbs?" And you ask for comments. Well, here goes.

There seem to be two requirements that must be met if we are to schedule third class climbs. The first requirement relates to difficulty and technical qualifications. On any climb a climber should be prepared to climb at least one grade above his intended route. This is particularly true on a group climb. There is a tendency for weaker members to try to keep up with the strong and climb beyond their capacity. Also, we have a problem on trips as we schedule them. Many are not properly scouted and get off route. So to go third class, a climber should be equipped and ready to go fourth or even fifth.

The second requirement relates to leadership in particular. On third, by definition, a climber is justified in requesting a rope if he feels he needs it. Now a leader has to be responsible for the entire group, not just the front pack. Also, he must be ready and trained to give rope assistance any time it is required. Of course, for one man to do this becomes impractical on large parties.

In our conception of the section when it was formed, we left the serious climbing to the RCS. The RCS trains climbers and judges their qualifications. Presently, there is no experience or qualification requirement in our section. For the safety of the group, if we are to schedule third class climbs, I suggest that it be a requirement that anyone participating shall have passed the safety test of the RCS.

Not really connected with the above, I would like to make one more comment. I think it is unfortunate for us to refer to another organization in a derogatory manner, regardless of what our private opinions might be. The Stanford Climbing Group has introduced many good people to a love of the mountains and the out of doors. DC

Ed. Note: You're right; my apologies.

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S.P.S. SCHEDULED TRIPS *

MT. LYLE (13,114'): Aug.31-Sep.2  Leader: John Robinson

After writing that "thesis" on the proposed emblem change I'll try to keep this one short.

47 Sierra Clubbers and guests reported to Tuolumne Meadows for the ascent of Mt. Lyle, emblem peak meritorious. The next day found 41 of them on top enjoying the weather and the view. 15 crossed over to Lyle's sister peak Maclure, to endure the same view and weather again. Also, Andy led several baggers up Donohue Peak. Monday afternoon we got tired and went home.

SPLIT MT. (14,058'): Sep.14-15  Leader: Bud Bingham

After assembling at Fish Springs at 6 a.m. Saturday, 13 climbers caravanned in their cars for several miles over a rough desert road. The backpack started at approximately the 6500' level, the first several hundred feet of gain being cross-country up a steep slope, and (Continued)
the rest along a semi-maintained trail above the north side of Red Mountain Creek. By early afternoon everyone had reached camp at Red Lake (circa 10,500'), just beyond which rises the impressive east face of Split Mountain. The remainder of the day was spent relaxing in camp.

The Sunday assault on Split began about 7 a.m. The second class route led northwest and then west until the ridge was gained. This was followed in a southerly direction over talus to the summit. All 11 climbers comprising the main party had lunch on top, from which there was a good view of the peaks of the Palisade Crest. (Split Mtn. itself was once known as Southeast Palisade.) Several other climbers also did nearby Mts. Prater and Bolton-Brown. The descent to camp was accomplished by early afternoon, and everyone was down at the roadhead in time to make it to Lone Pine for dinner.

Although this trip was somewhat less rugged than originally planned the total elevation gain for the weekend was not far from 8000'.

-- Charlotte Parsons

JUNCTION PEAK (13,903'): Sep. 28-29. Leader: Bud Bingham

Due to the strenuous nature of the long climb to Junction Peak, only 11 people met at the Symmes Creek Coral on Sept. 28th. The weekend offered a wide variety of weather. Bright skies predominated early Saturday, then clouds appeared in the afternoon. Winds came up accompanied by light snow and hail. Camp was made two miles short of Shephard Pass due to the unsettled weather. The timber at Anvil Camp offered good shelter from the heavy winds and the usual campfire was had in the evening. During the night loud thunder and spectacular lightning kept most of the party from getting sound sleep.

9 climbers started for the pass early Sunday. 3 people climbed Mt. Tyndall and the other 6 crossed the upper Tyndall Basin to make an ascent of Junction Peak. Both mountains offered iced conditions on the final third class ridges in extremely heavy winds. Climbing got very interesting.

John Del Monte, just back from a recent business trip in Europe, successfully made the long climb to Junction Peak. He has been away from any kind of mountaineering for some months. We missed Bob Bear. He expressed an interest in the climb, but was engaged in the activities of the S.C. Banquet.

-- Bud Bingham

BOUNDARY Pk. (13,145') & Mt. MONTGOMERY (13,465'): Oct. 5-6
Leader: Vern Jones; Ass't Leader: Don Clarke. A DPS Trip

Since it was decided to camp by the cars on Saturday night instead of backpacking in two miles to stay at a much colder campsite, the 15 who turned out for this DPS trip spent a leisurely Saturday around camp or exploring nearby. On Sunday morning reveille was sounded (on the horn of John Bauman's Thunderbird) at 3:30 a.m. The temperature, as the group stood around the campfire eating breakfast, was either 6 F., 12 , or 16 depending on whose thermometer one chose to believe. The hike began at 4:15 by flashlight. After about two miles the trail petered out. The summit of Boundary was reached at approximately 9:30 a.m. A whipping wind and 23 degree temperature persuaded everyone to hurry on along the ridge to Mnt. Montgomery, which was reached about 11 o'clock. There was a small amount of new snow on portions of the peaks and ridges. The descent after lunch featured a 3000' rundown on scree. Camp was reached by mid-afternoon. All 15 climbers had reached the top of both peaks, and the ascent of Montgomery completed the DPD emblem requirements for Jo Jones, Dick Kenyon, Miles Brubacher, and Bob Boyd.
* MISCELLANEOUS TRIPS OF INTEREST *

1957 ST. ELIAS EXPEDITION: Aug.1-31. by Bud Bingham

During the spring and early summer months extensive planning and packing were taking place by the six members of the St. Elias Expedition. More than 1 ton of equipment and supplies were shipped from L.A. by motor freight to Seattle, ocean freighter to Skagway, and on to Whitehorse by the Yukon narrow gauge railway.

All members arrived in Whitehorse by airlines and then rented a car for the final lap on the Alcan Highway to Burwash Landing at Kluane Lake. A bush pilot was hired for flights necessary for three air drops and also to fly all personal to a lake near the snout of the Klutlan Glacier. 3½ days were spent in poor weather on the Klutlan, Wood, and Brabazon Glaciers in an effort to reach the base camp air drop. One more day was used to recover and organize expedition equipment and food for the future climbs to come. We suffered a 20% loss in food on the air drops which had been previously anticipated.

From the upper reaches of the Brabazon Glacier, high camps were set up and advantage was taken of the long northern days. Three first ascents were made on unnamed peaks by some of the members of the expedition. Another effort was made, after 3 days of hauling packs weighing over 60 pounds to a col dividing the Wolfe Creek and Wood Glaciers, to climb Mt. Wood. Avalanche conditions, unsettled weather, and lack of enough time, made the idea unreasonable to execute. The effort paid off though, three more first ascents were made on lower neighboring peaks. The vastness of this great mountain range and the nature of ice
and snow climbs made the difficulty of ascents three fold. Anytime
the group left base camp it was absolutely necessary to be tied in on
a rope.

The final spice of the expedition was rafting down about 35 to 40
miles of the Klutian and White Rivers from the snout of the Klutian
Glacier. No colder experience could have been had, since all members
were completely drenched at times up to their necks in muddy glacial
water. All equipment was soaked by the end of each short day. Huge
fires were built to warm up. "I mean huge."

George Wallerstein was the original promoter of the expedition
and along with Bill Davis, a Colorado Mountaineer, both were making
their second trip to the St. Elias Range. Others on the expedition were
Jim Sutherland, Barbara Lilley, Don Clarke, and Bud Bingham.

CLIMBING IN THE NORTHWEST: July 1957. by Topper Thomas

You can bet we're going to see a lot more of Oregon's and Washing-
ton's scenery! This statement is most enthusiastically endorsed by four
San Diegans - Don Hamilton, Topper and Bill Thomas, and Dwight Teater.
After just a brief visit there we are already anticipating a return
trip next summer. Bill, Topper, and Don got into some sort of condi-
tion with their climb to the top of Mt. Shasta. They were chased off
there, however, by a snow storm. In Seattle after visiting Joanne and
Dave Collins a short while, we went to the Co-op to shop. We continued
buying equipment for a day and a half and only ceased then on count
of inadequate funds.

One of our goals was to climb Mt. Rainier, so we drove there and
camped in Paradise Valley. The next morning as we poked our heads out
of our new co-op 2-man tents we could see the entire mountain. Anyone
who has seen Rainier will verify the overwhelming effect its tremen-
dous size has. This good weather continued and helped make a most enj-
joyable climb for all of us.

We were joined now by Dwight Teater and Joe Miller (L.A. Chapter)
and then went on to the St. Helen's wilderness area. We had a refresh-
ing swim in Spirit Lake. The climb of St. Helen's was technically the
most challenging. The ascent was watched through binoculars by Topper
as a large pan of delicious huckle-berries was picked. The day was
so clear that the numerous peaks of a 150 mile radius were plainly
seen, and even mountains in Canada were visable.

We drove on to Mt. Hood where we literally romped up the peak
from Timberline Lodge. Our drive home took us along half the Oregon
coastline and through the redwoods. We hope the impression this great
Northwest made on us will rub off on a lot of you and that we will be
seeing more people going there.

5TH CLASS ON THE WHITNEY BUTTRESS: July 13-14. by Dr. A.J. Smatko

On Sat. July 13th Bill Sanders, Bill Heusel, and myself set out
to climb the East Buttress of Mt. Whitney. We were accompanied up the
N. Fork of Lone Pine Creek by Peggy Sullivan, Mack Kellett, John Rob-
bins and another chap (name escapes me). These latter climbers were
going up the mountaineers' route which parallels the Buttress. Camp
was established at the chilly site near East Face Lake (& it was
cold).

Next day the two Bills and I climbed up to the base of the second
tower and roped up from there with Bill Sanders leading, myself in
the middle, and Bill Heusel taking up the rear. The pitch above the
2nd tower took one piton and about half way up towards the Pee Wee
another pitch took two more pitons. Weather was perfect and we could
almost hear the conversation of the climbers in the Mountaineers' Route. The climb took a little over 7 hours from East Face Lake. Near
the summit an avid group of camera fiends took shots of us coming up.
The climb was not too difficult and was exposed alarmingly in only a
few places. However, we were very careful with belays and took no
chances. Bill Sanders is a good, safe leader and I'd follow him almost
anywhere. Our descent was via the Mountaineers' Route, which was icy
in spots. Peggy Sullivan seat glissaded in shorts (mind you).

EVOLUTION VACATION: Aug. 17-24. by Chuck Miller

On August 17th Bob Sheller and I left North Lake for a week in the
Evolution Basin. Dinner at the last sand flat with trees and sleep at
the lake at Lamarck Col brought our short afternoon to an end.

We were startled practically out of our sleeping bags just before
dawn with the rumble and the roar of the atomic bomb set off that morn-
ing in Nevada. When dawn finally arrived, however, we got up and made a
quick ascent of Lamarck Pk. Breakfast and a quick trip over the col to
the upper Darwin Lake put us in position for our climb of Darwin itself.
Our camp that night was at the first trees in Darwin Canyon.

The next day we moved our camp to Davis Lake at the base of Mt.
Goddard, which we climbed the following day. Mt. McGee was next on
our list the day after Goddard. This peak is seldom climbed. We were
the 6th recorded party on the summit and the first one in 6 years.
After returning from this peak we moved our camp to McGee Lake. Leaving
there the next day we moved to a campsite above Sapphire Lake and climbed
Mt. Spencer. Friday we started our day by climbing Mt. Fiske and attempt-
ted Mt. Huxley from the east wall and the south ridge but were stopped
by jagged spires on the ridge since we had no rope. Instead we climbed
Pk. 13,231, which forms the trio of peaks with Fiske & Huxley. Saturday
we made another attempt on Huxley along the conventional route up the
northwest chute and were successful. Saturday night we camped again at
Darwin Lakes and Sunday made the trip over the col to the car.

Our total elevation gain for the week was about 22,000' and we were
continually above 11,000' during the week. A total of eight peaks satis-
fied our ambitions for that outing.

BARNARD AND TROJAN: Aug. 24-25. by Peter Hunt

For the 2nd time this year John Robinson, Bill Sanders, and I climbed
up George Creek. Our plans this time were to climb Barnard & Trojan.
The climb from the car to camp was made in 4 hours Saturday. That after-
noon we enjoyed leisure at camp.

On Sunday after breakfast we climbed a short but steep scree slope
to the base of Barnard. From here Barnard was ascended without problems.
We left the summit after signing the register and taking pictures, and
dropped down to a saddle between Barnard & Trojan. We climbed up the
south ridge to Trojan's summit. We returned to camp in time for lunch.
The trip down the creek was made without any difficulties.
Barnard was John Robinson's 15th and final 14,000' er on the West Coast.
KINGS PEAK, UTAH (13,498'): Aug. 30. by Dr. Robert Wade

On the 30th of August I accompanied a group of 6 climbers for the ascent of the highest peak in Utah, 13,498' Kings Peak in the Uinta Range east of Salt Lake.

Our route was via Evanston, Wyoming, then southeast through Bridger to Henry's Fork River. The road is lousy.

We packed in 13 miles to a base camp at Henry's Fork Lake, and the next day made the ascent over a 5 mile talus slope which had a foot of fresh snow on it. It was slippery on loose rocks - real crud!

The fishing and mushrooms were good; otherwise I do not recommend the climb.

MT. HUMPHREYS (13,986'): Sep. 7-8. by Bill Sanders

Peter Hunt, John Robinson, Andy Smatko, Bob Wade, Tom Ross, and I met in Bishop Saturday morning for the ascent of Humphreys.

Knapsacking from North Lake over Piute Pass, we made camp at a large lake at the very base of the peak. Sunday morning the ascent was made via route #2 (Climbers' Guide). Less than two hours at a moderate pace brought us to the top.

The elevation of Humphreys plus the fact that it is "4th class" makes it seem quite formidable. However, we found that the route to the NW ridge was class 2. We felt that the remainder of the climb was class 3 with about 20 feet of high class 3. A rappel was used in the descent of this pitch.

MT. EMERSON (13,225'): Sep. 7. by Dr. Robert Wade

This mountain is a very good climb, with good solid rock if ascended from Loch Leven Lake below Piute Pass. It was climbed Sep. 7th by Andy Smatko, Tom Ross, and me going up a narrow couloir - class 3 - A very steep and sharp knife edge leads to the summit with considerable exposure, but good firm rock. The route down was less interesting - a broad couloir with loose crud. The altitude gain is about 3000', and the time taken was about two hours.

MIDDLE PALISADE (14,040'): Sep. 21-22. by Dr. Robert Wade

This mountain was climbed by a party of four consisting of: Chuck Miller, Rich Gnagy, Bud Bingham, and me. It was considered to be an ideal trip because the weather was perfect, the area beautiful, the climb was not hurried or too strenuous (a good class 3), and the group was congenial.

To the writer it was especially significant, as it was #15 of the 14000' peaks on the West Coast. Now I can relax and climb for pure pleasure.

Saturday a knapsack up the South Fork Trail from Glacier Lodge to a small lake 500' above Finger Lake got us in position.

The 7 a.m. start Sunday was quite chilly but the ascent of the moraine and glacier took care of that. The ascent of the peak was up the east face and exactly as described in the climbers' guide, taking about 3 hours and was uneventful except for loose rocks and a small amount of new snow. The return trip was much faster although glissading was poor because of very deep sun cups on the glacier. We arrived home at a reasonable hour after the usual steak dinner.
Despite the darkness, John Robinson, Peter Hunt, and I found ourselves a campsite beside the lower Heysan Lake on the South Fork of Lone Pine Creek after a 2 hour, 5 mile hike from Whitney Portal. We had been delayed 20 hours due to radiator trouble.

The principle difficulties, or hardships, encountered in the next day's climbing were the loose, steep talus and some short class 3 pitches near the summit of LeConte. Mallory was an easy walk across the connecting plateau. Warm weather and clear skies we had, but remnants of the mid-week storm were noticeable in little patches.

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A BREAKDOWN OF OUR QUALIFYING PEAKS

by Graham Stephenson

The following is a survey of minimum class on the qualifying peaks of the Sierra Peaks Section:

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