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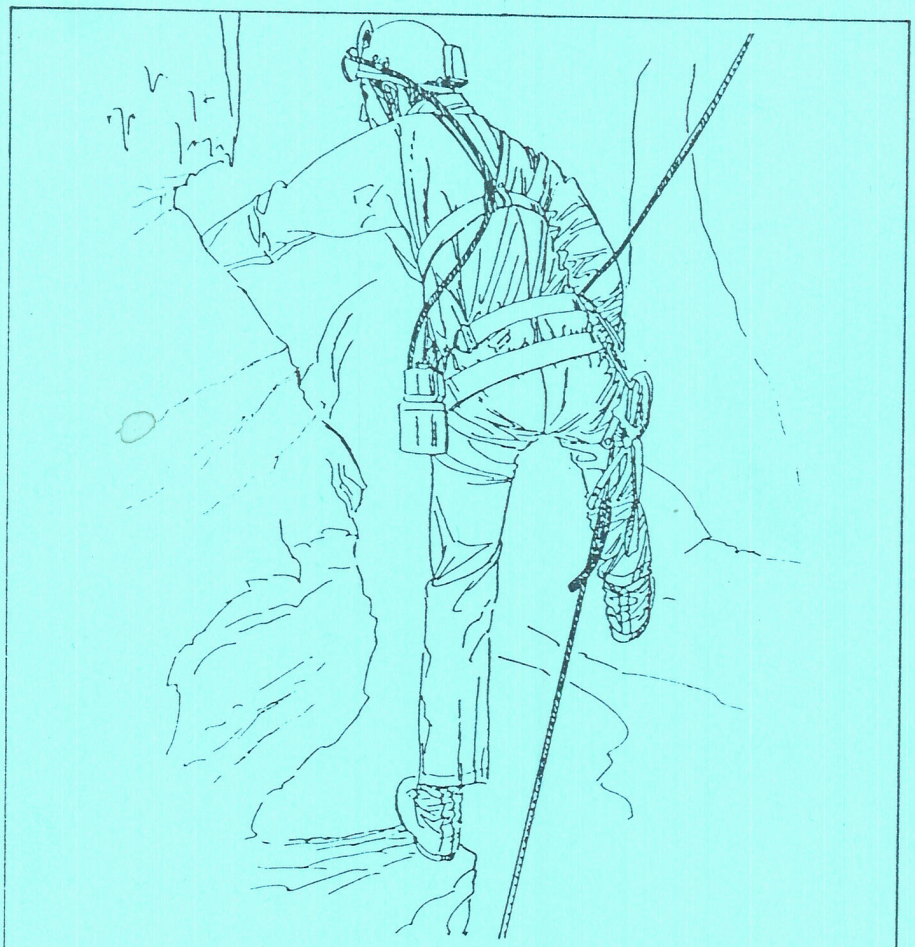

The cave is not a lifeless place, it is a living thing to which we have to give ourselves; a thing that can be gentle and also be a savage whose changes in temper can render it dangerous. And the harder it treats us, the happier we are to master it and make it ours.

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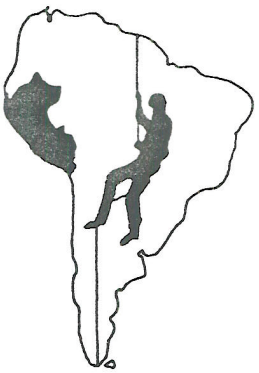

Since production of the report (May 1985) the details of several other expeditions have been obtained. It is interesting that virtually all foreign expeditions have been from Europe, the Yanks seemingly content to remain in the US or Central America. The lists of expeditions since 1969, and of the longest and deepest caves are now as detailed below:-

(A) Caving Expeditions in Peru (locations in parentheses: depts. in capitals).

1. 1969 A Peruvian group led by Cesar Morales, director of andinism at the Peruvian Sports Institute, Lima. (Palcamayo, TARMA).

2. 1972 Klub Wysokorgski, Warszawa, Poland.
(Livitica, CUSCO ; Cusco, CUSCO).

3. 1972 Imperial College Caving Club, London, UK.
(Palcamayo, JUNIN ; Tingo Maria, HUANUCO).

4. 1973 Grupo de Exploraciones Subterraneas de Club Montanes, Barcelones, Spain. (Tingo Maria, HUANUCO ; Palcamayo, JUNIN ; Ninabamaba & Cutervo, CAJAMARCA).

5. 1976 Centre Excursionista de Catalunya, Spain.
(Cutervo, CAJAMARCA).

6. 1976 Cavers from Wroclav, Poland.
(Palcamayo, JUNIN).

7. 1976 Club Aixois d´Expeditions Speleologiques, France.
(La Oroya, JUNIN ; Tarmatambo, JUNIN).

8. 1977 Cavers from several clubs in Southern France.
(LIBERTAD ; APURIMAC).

9. 1977 Centre Excursionista de Catalunya, Spain.
(Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA ; Cutervo, CAJAMARCA).

10. 1979 Groupe Speleo de Bagnols Marcoule, France.
(Comulca, CAJAMARCA ; Huararucra, CAJAMARCA ; Cutervo, CAJAMARCA ; Palcamayo, JUNIN).

11. 1979 A group of Italian cavers.
(Nasca, ICA).

12. 1982 Club Bagnolais d´Investigations Souterraines, France.
(Janjui, SAN MARTIN ; Cutervo, CAJAMARCA).

13. 1982 Southampton University Exploration Society, UK.
(Palcamayo, JUNIN ; Tingo Maria, HUANUCO).

14. 1984 Imperial College Caving Club, London, UK.
(Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA).

15. 1984 Three cavers from Kentucky, USA.
(Huanuco, HUANUCO).

(B) LONGEST CAVES (Relevant expeditions numerated in parentheses).

1. Cueva de Uchkupisjo - Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA. 2350 m
(4, 9, 14).

2. Sima de Racas Marca - Palcamayo, JUNIN. 2141
Also known as Sima de Milpo, Milpo de Kaukirian, (1, 3).

3. Cueva de Huagapo - Palcamayo, JUNIN. 1920
(1, 2, 3, 7).

4. Sima de Iraca - Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA. 1540
(14).

5. Cueva Mayor del Rio Churos - Huicungo, SAN MARTIN. 1447
(13).

6. Cueva de San Andres - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJAMARCA. 1145
(5).

7. Cueva de Pacu Hayen - San Pedro de Cajas, JUNIN. 800
(10).

8. Tragadero de San Andres - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJAMARCA. 765
(9, 10).

9. P.2 - Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA. 710
(14).

10. Cueva de Cunchuvillo - Janjui, SAN MARTIN. 562
(12).

(C) DEEPEST CAVES (Relevant expeditions numerated in parentheses).

1. Sima de Racas Marca - Palcamayo, JUNIN. 407 m
(See B2: 1, 13). (-402,+5)

2. Tragadero de San Andres - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJARMARCA. -334
(See B8: 9, 10).

3. Cueva de San Andres - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJAMARACA. -145
(See B6: 5).

4. Red de las Grutas - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJAMARCA. 94
(See B11: 9). (-65,+29)

5. Cueva de Uchkupisjo - Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA. -90
(See B1: 4, 9, 14).

6. Sima de Iraca - Ninabamba, CAJAMARCA. -76
(See B4: 14).

7. Gruta del Equus - Huacraruco, CAJAMARCA -75
(10).

8. Cueva de Madre Mia - Parque Nacional Cutervo, CAJAMARCA. -67
(10).

9. Sima Maximo - Palcamayo, JUNIN. -65
(6).

10. Tragadero de la Purla - Comulca, CAJAMARCA. -65
(9).